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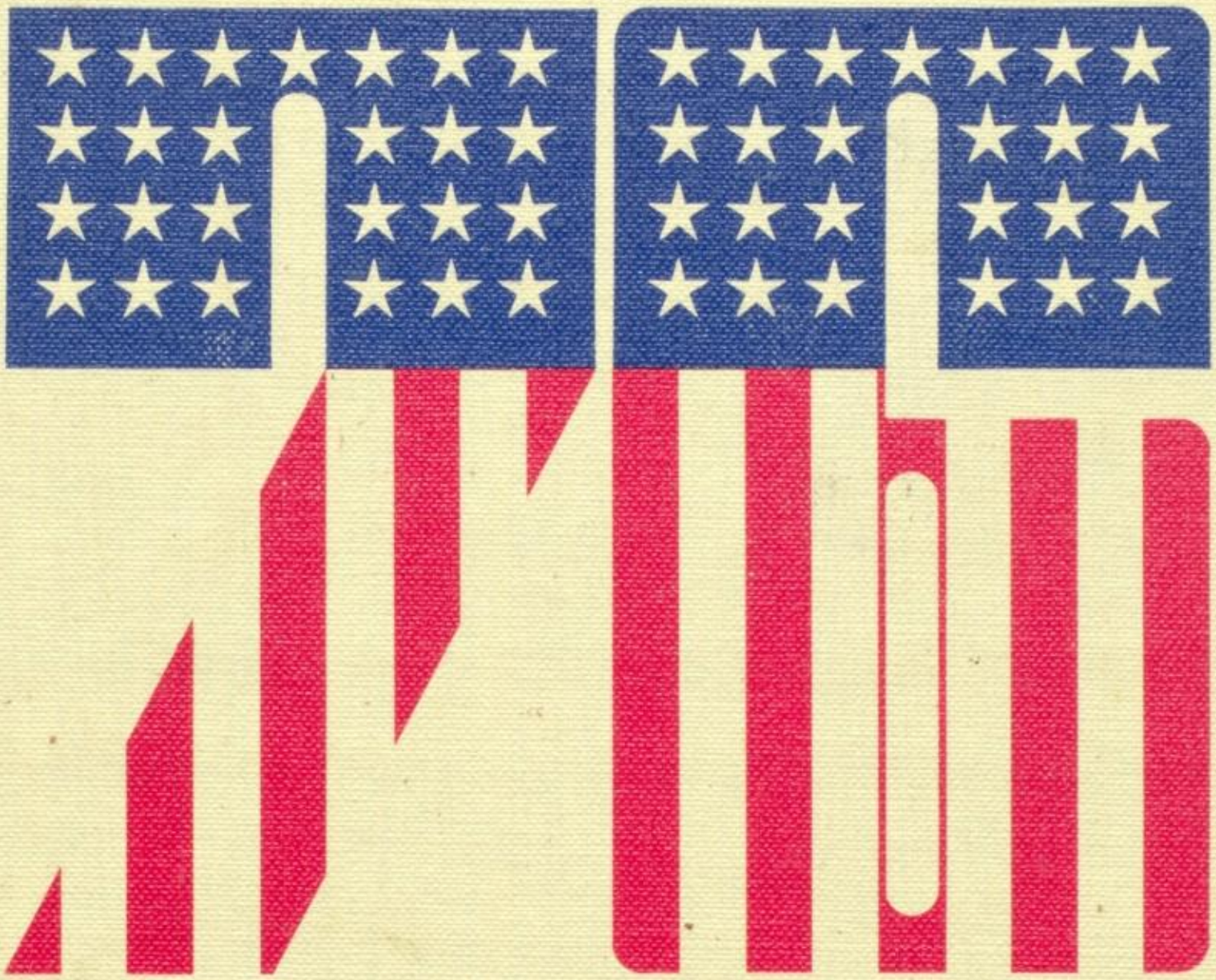


LIONS ROAR

Lions Roar

Hope High School
Hope, Kansas
Susan Donnelly-Editor

As America celebrates its 200th birthday, the 1976 Lions Roar, too, displays the bicentennial spirit. This has been a unique year and should be remembered with pride.

We look back on our forefathers and are grateful for what they have given to us. We are granted fights and freedoms which are unheard of in many nations. We enjoy luxuries that are unimaginable to other peoples. We have the greatest nation in the world.

Hope High School is the greatest school in the world, too! Our school has given us opportunities to set our goals high. The administration, faculty, and student body have been an inspiration to each of us as an individual.

Our annual records for history the many events of our high school days. We, like our forefathers, dare to dream of a successful future and bright new horizons as we go forth with the "Spirit of 76".

Denny Wade: Teacher And Friend

Denny Wade has become a familiar face around our school. During the course of each day you were likely to catch him jingling down the hall whistling the latest band tunes. High school band enrollment has risen from around to 25 to over 60 during his seven years at Hope.

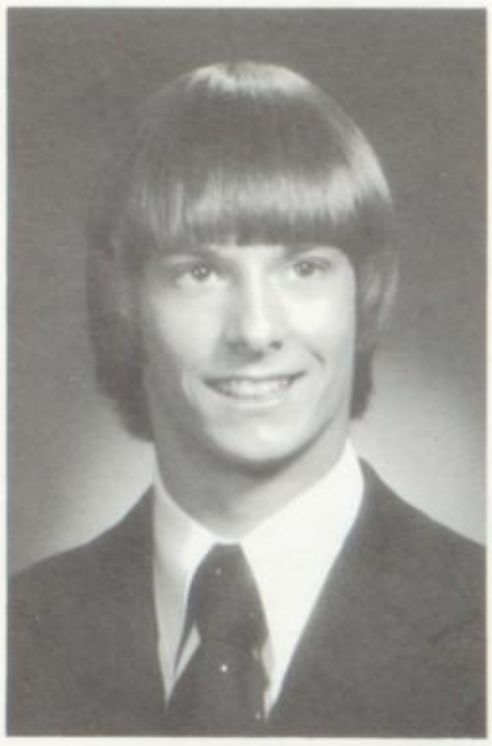
"Pride makes the difference" was the philosophy he used to motivate us to work hard. We made many trips and gave numerous performances under his direction. Along with the hard work, we have also enjoyed his classes very much.

With his help, our community, too, is gaining pride in the band program. Attendance at concerts and various other events has greatly increased. Through his hard work, new uniforms are to arrive for next year.

After seven years, we are sorry to have him leave us. But we wish to thank him for what he has contributed to us and we wish him the best of luck in whatever he may do hereafter. For these many reasons we are dedicating the 1976 yearbook to Denny Wade.

Briefcase is going-away present.

Graduates

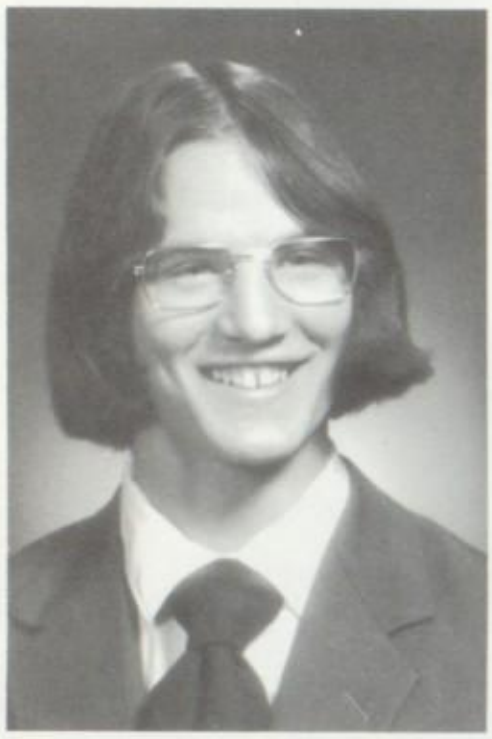


Darel Anderson

Darel Anderson: FFA 1,2,3,4, Secretary 3, President 4, Letterman Club 1,2,3,4, Football 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Track 1,2,3,4, Play Cast 3, Homecoming Escort 4, King lion attendant 2,3, King Lion 4, Student of the Month 3, Annual Staff 4, Queen of Courts escort 4.

Nancy Davidson: FHA 1,2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4, Vice President 4, Forensics 3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Track 1,2,3,4, Play Cast 3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Mixed Chorus 1, Girls Glee 1, King Lion escort 4, One Act Play 3, Class Treasurer 1, Scholarship Letter 1,2, Annual Staff 4, Marching and Pep band 1,2,3,4.

Nancy Davidson



Brian Cole
Vicki Cook

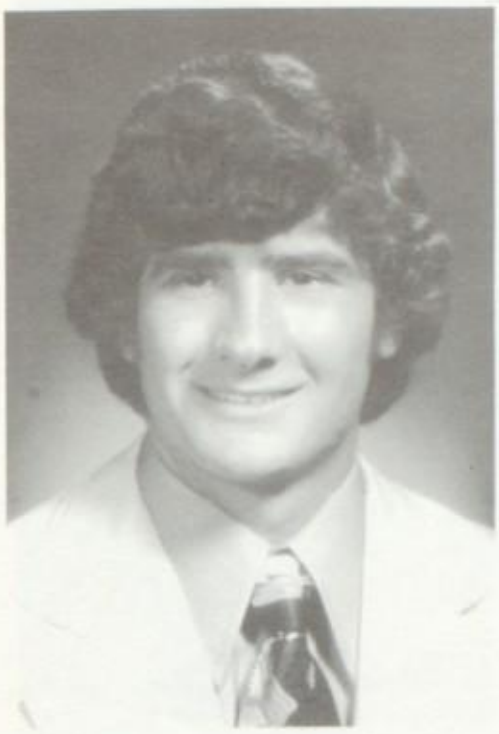
Brian Cole: Play Cast 3, Football 3, Forensics 3.

Patty Dillon: Stuco 3, FHA 1,2,3,4, Freshman Representative 1, Junior Degree Chairman 2, President 3, Vice President 4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4, Class captain 2, Treasurer 3, Forensics 3,4, Basketball 1, Track 1,2,3,4, Track Manager 3,4, Play Cast 3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Girls Glee 1, Cheerleader 3,4, B-Team 3, Boys Varsity 4, Homecoming Queen 4, Homecoming Attendant 4, Basketball Attendant 3, King Lion escort 2, One Act Play 1,2, Student of the month 3, Class Vice President 1,2, Class Secretary 3,4, Annual Staff 4, Marching and Pep bands 1,2,3,4, Band Representative 3.

Patty Dillon
Susan Donnelly

Vicki Cook: Stuco 1,2,4, Treasurer 2, F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Reporter 3, Treasurer 4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4, Class Captain 1, Forensics 3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4, Track 1,2,3, Play cast 3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Stuco Representative 4, Girls Glee 1, Cheerleader 2,3,4, B-Team 2, Varsity Captain 3,4, Homecoming Queen 4, Basketball Attendant 1,2, King Lion escort 4, Student of the month 2, Class Stuco Representative 1,2, Class Treasurer 3, Class Vice President 4, Scholarship letter 1,2,3, Annual Staff 4, Marching and pep band 1,2,3,4.

Susan Donnelly: Stuco 2,3, Vice President 3, F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Historian 2, Chapter degree Chairman 3, Secretary 4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4, Stuco Representative 2, Class Captain 3, Forensics 1,2,3,4, Track 1,2, Play cast 3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Girls Glee 1, Boys Cheerleader 4, King Lion Escort 1, One Act Play 2,3, Student of the Month 2, Class Reporter 1,2, Class President 3, Scholarship Letter 1,3, Annual Staff 3, Assistant Editor, Annual Staff 4, Editor.

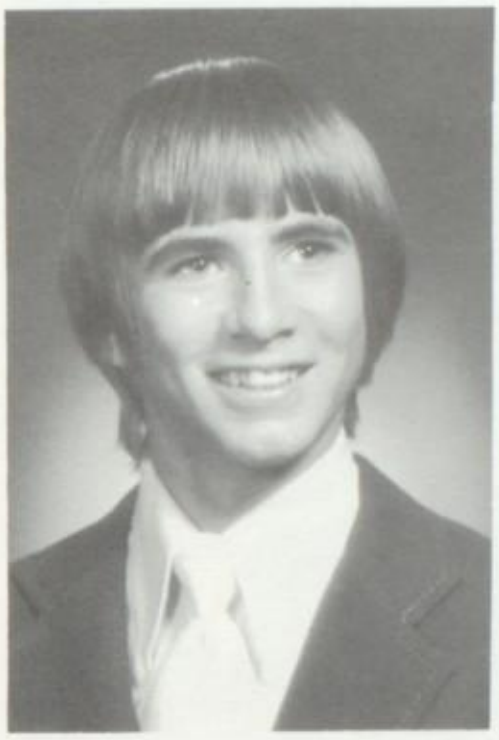


Blake Elliott

Blake Elliott: FFA 2,3,4, Letterman Club 3, Football 1,3, Basketball 1, Mixed Chorus 3.

Melody Krause

Melody Krause: Stuco 3,4, Reporter 3, FHA 1,2,3,4, Song Leader 3, President 4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4, Vice President 3, Stuco Representative 4, Forensics 3,4, Track 2, Play cast 3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 3,4, Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4, Girls Glee 1,2,4, Triple Trio 1,2,3,4, Accompanist 2,3,4, Cheerleader 4, Girls Squad Captain 4, Homecoming Attendant 4, One act play 2,3, Class Treasurer 2,4, Class Stuco Representative 3, Annual Staff 4, Marching and Pep bands 1,2,3,4, Who's Who in American Music Students, Queen of courts attendant 4.

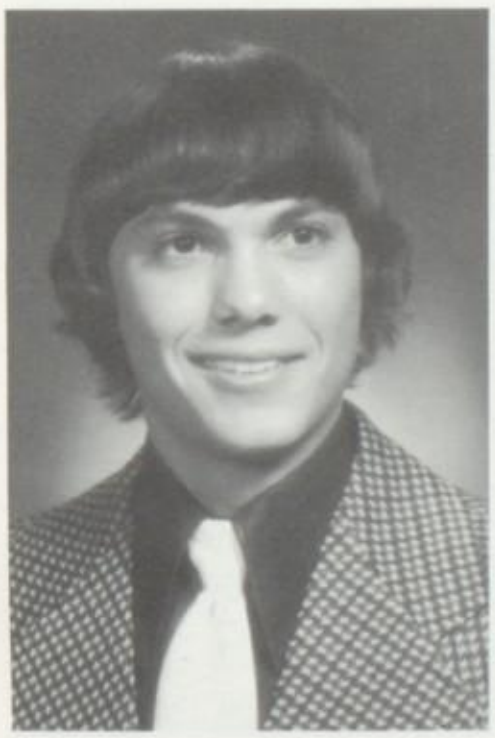


Dennis Friedli
Brian Hatterman

Dennis Friedli: FFA 1,2,3,4, Sentinel 3, Treasurer 4, Basketball 1, Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4.

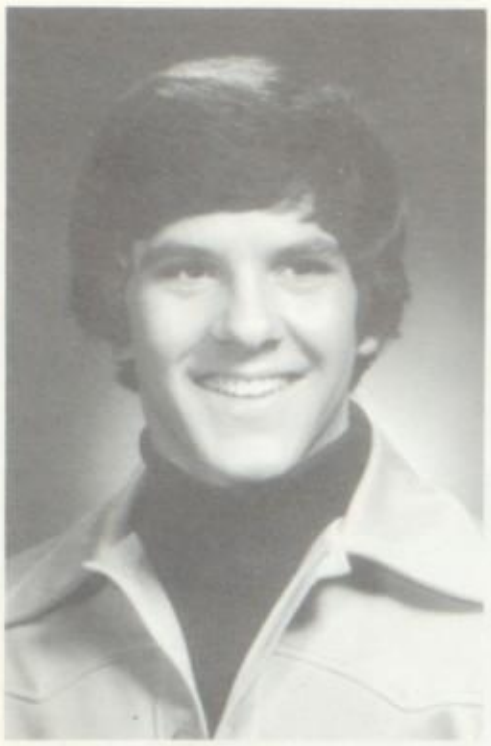
Renee Lardenois
Rex McMahan

Renee Lardenois: FHA 2,3,4, Pep Club 2,3,4, Play cast Student Director 3, Mixed Chorus 3,4, King Lion escort 4.



Brian Hatterman: Stuco 4, FFA ,1,2,3,4, Letterman Club 3,4, Basketball 1,3,4, Track 1,2,3, Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4, Class Stuco Representative 4, Queen of courts escort 4.

Rex McMahan: FFA 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 3, Sentinel 4, Letterman Club 3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Track 2,3, Band 1,3, Mixed Chorus 4, Queen of courts escort 4.



Ken Morgan: Pep Band 1, Concert Band 1,2,3,4, Marching Band 1,2,3,4, Sound di fects 2,3, Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4, Football 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Track 1, Queen of Courts Escort 4, Play Cast 3, FFA 3, Letterman Club 2,3,4.

David Rock: Stuco 3,4, President 4, FFA 1,2,3,4, Secretary 4, Letterman Club 2,3,4, Forensics 4, Football 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1, Statistician 4, Track 2,3, Play Cast 3,4, Band 1, King Lion Escort 1, Student of Month 2,3, Class President 1,2, Class V.P. 3, Sound di Fects 3, Scholarship Letter 1,2,3,4, Annual Bus. Mgr. 3,4, Marching Band 1, FCA 2.

Ken Morgan

David Rock

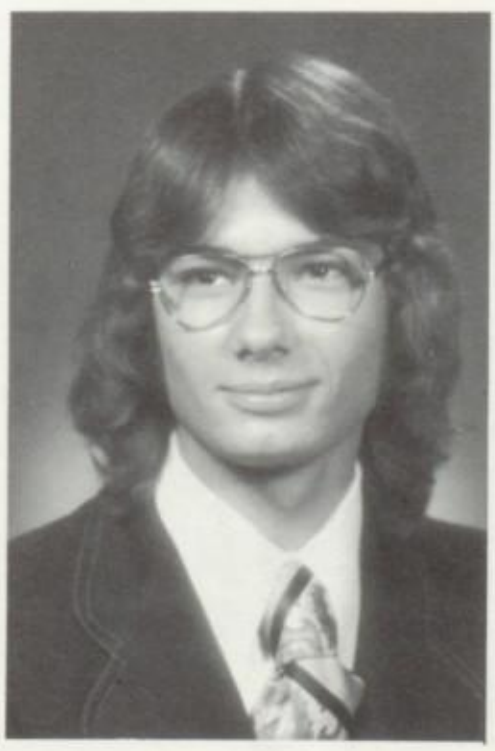
Gordon Polston: Stuco 1,2,3,4, FFA 1,3,4, Letterman Club 1,2,3,4, Football 1,2,3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, Track 1,2,3,4, Play Cast 3,4, Band 1,2, Homecoming Escort 4, Class Stuco Rep. 1,2,3, Class President 4, Marching and Pep Band 1,2, FCA 2.

Ron Roller: Letterman Club 3,4, Football 3,4, Play Cast 4, Band 1.

Gordon Polston
Susan Riffel

Ron Roller
Gary Sandow

Susan Riffel: Stuco 4, FHA 1,2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3,4, Class Captain 4, Play Cast 3,4, Band 1,2,3,4, Mixed Chorus 4, Accompanist 1, Girls Glee 1,4, Cheerleader 4, King Lion Escort 3, Class Reporter 3, Annual Staff 4, Marching and Pep Band 1,2,3,4.



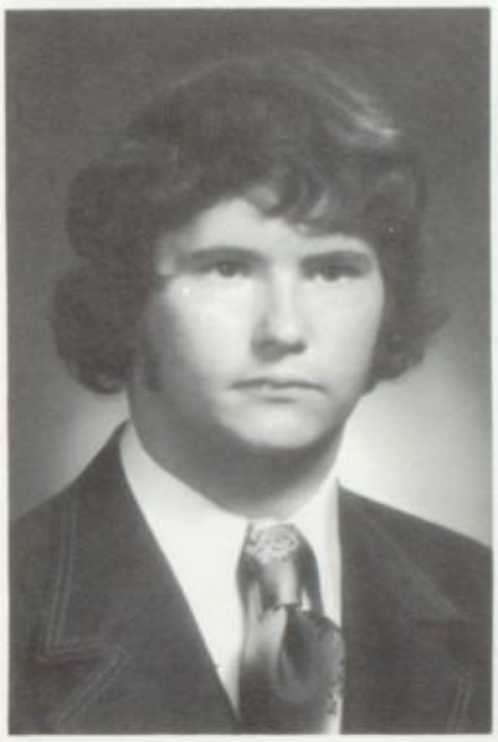
Gary Sandow: FFA 1,2,3,4, Vice President 4.

Hugo Schlesener

Hugo Schlesener: Letterman Club 4, Football 4, Track 1,2,3, Band 1,2,3,4, Mixed Chorus 3,4, Homecoming Escort 4, Marching and Pep Band 1,2,3,4.

Richard Stralow

Richard Stralow: FFA 3,4, Letterman Club 4, Football 3, Basketball 1,3,4, Track 2,3, Mixed Chorus 3,4, Class Reporter 4, Homecoming Escort 4, Annual Staff 4, School Paper editor 4.



Jay Shrimplin

Jay Shrimplin: FFA 1, Mixed Chorus 3.

Carl Wells

Carl Wells: FFA 2,3,4, Football 3, Track 1, Mixed Chorus 1,2, School Paper 4.

Class Officers
Gordon Polston-President
Vicki Cook-Vice President
Patty Dillon-Secretary
Melody Krause-Treasurer
Richard Stralow-Reporter
Susan Riffel-STUCO Representative
Brian Hatterman-STUCO Representative

"1972" Girls Basketball Team

The new Dogcatcher?

Our sponsors for Senior Sneak: Jim and Kathy Coen, Cleta Lemon, and Ed Anderson

"And now, Ladies and Gentlemen; Melody will pull a rabbit out of her sleeve!"

Senior Activities

"I told you my feet smelled!"

Ready and Waiting!

Back when our hair was short . . .

"Did you see that ugly kid?"

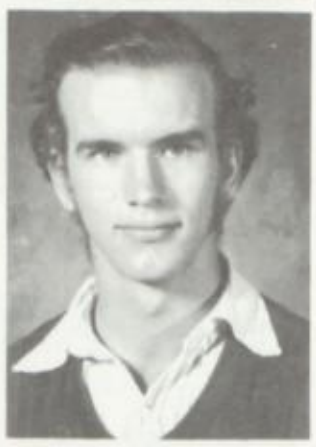
Underclass Persons

Linda Riedy

Becky Davis
Mike Pauley

Karen Riedy
Maria Lorson

Bobbi Elliott
Jerry Schlesener



Kathy Meyer
Greg Dillon
Ramona Ryff

Juniors

Dave Carpentier

Carol Schlesener

David Riffel

Becky Davis, Pres.
Mike Pauley, V. Pres.
Karen Riedy, Sec.
Maria Lorson, Treas.
Bobbi Elliott, Stuco
Jerry Schlesener, Stuco
Linda Riedy, Reporter

"Fox on the Run"

At. . .

Such athletic people!

Noonhour Taxi Service

Kevin Hanschu
Fay Wells

Cherryl Wells
Kelly Hanschu

Dale Davidson
Julie Schlesener
Bob Lorson

The junior float in the homecoming parade

What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?

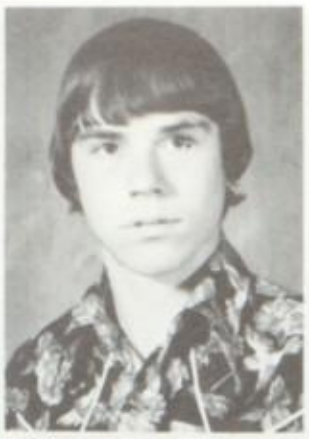
Seventeen

Vicki Hamilton
Tim Brown

Jeff Schimming
PatriciaCoup

Valerie Walker
Nick Stroda

Sophomores, You're



Marvyn Rock
Vickie Jahnke
Tim Hostetter

Denise Schlesener
Dour Wendt
Renee Anderson

Robert Smith

Sophomore float wins first prize.

Sophomores (FRONT ROW) as eighth graders.

Joe Schlesener
Bruce Pauley
Candy Bethe

Eric Lorson

Sophomore Queen of Courts attendant; Susan Stroda.

Marsha Wilson
Lyle Riedy
Susan Stroda

Halfway There

Terry O'Flannagan
Janet Boyce
Bobby Morgan

Reflections . . .

David Riedy
Barbara Ryff
Cecil Riffel

David Lardenois

Sophomore Bovs P.E.

Janice Barnes
Terry Harrington
Carla Fishel

Mike Engle

Smile-Your'e on Candid Camera.

Kevin Sandow
Jean Jacobson
Ely Wells

Fred Rock-Pres.
Cathy Warns-V. Pres.
Jana Jacobson-Sec.

Lisa Morgan-Treas.
Lorrie Riffel-Stuco
Kirk Sly-Stuco

Brenda, at the head of her class.

Freshmen, Same As Ever

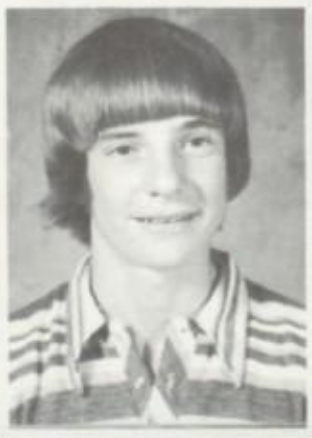
There are freshmen, and then there are freshmen.

Freshmen art class

Doug Dillon
Todd Elliott
Tracy Schlesener

Brenda Brown
Jenise Garrett
Julie Schlesener

Angie Pauley
Ann Riedy



Freshmen boys will be girls for Spirit Week.

Brian Albrecht
Brenda Barrett
Danny Wells

Pam Meyer
Marty Schmidt
Angie Smith

Debbie Gish
Kim Hanschu
Cindy Still

Charles Larkin
Charla Shrimplin
Randy Norman

Wilma Reed
Kent Sly
Terri Fishel

Kirk Sly, Stuco
Lisa Morgan, Treas.
Fred Rock, Pres.
Cathy Warns, V. Pres.
Lorrie Riffel, Stuco
Jana Jacobson, Sec.

Am I going too fast for you?

HOPE
LIONS
STOP

Schoolies

Football

FRONT ROW: Cary Bryant, Rodney Still, Tim Adam, Randy Leuth, Ricky Leuth. SECOND ROW: Daryl Smith, Mike Lorson, Rodney France, Mike Polston, Kenny Joe Hamilton, Ken Schlesener, Barry Lorson. THIRD ROW: Terry Schlesener, Kenny Stroda, Jayce Krause, Kenny Rock, John Riffel, Dennis Dillon, Danny Cook, Clay Brown. FOURTH ROW: David Wendt, Dave Lorson, Ross Coup, Rodney Friedli, Tim McCarty, Terry Adam, Jeff Hostetter, Kelly Gumm, and Coach Schneider.

Grade School Basketball

SEASON RECORDS

A-team boys	W-8	L-2
A-team girls	W-8	L-0
B-team boys	W-3	L-1
B-team girls	W-1	L-2

Both the A-team girls and the A-team boys won first place in their league tournament.

COACHES: Al Morgan, Harley Jacobson, and Roberta Heinen.

FRONT ROW: Rodney Friedli, Ross Coup, David Wendt, Dave Lorson, Tim McCarty. SECOND ROW: Bill Cole, Dennis Dillon, Kenny Stroda, Jeff Hostetter, Randy Leuth, Kelly Gumm, Mike Lorson, Terry Adam, and Clay Brown.

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS:
FRONT ROW: Cary Bryant, Barry Lorson, Rodney Still, Daryl Smith. SECOND ROW: Tim Adam, Ken Schlesener, Kenny Joe Hamilton, Randy Leuth, Rodney France. THIRD ROW: Mike Polston, Danny Cook, Mark Kohman, Kenny Rock, Joe Lorson, Terry Schlesener, Jayce Krause.

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS:
FIRST ROW: Tammy Rohrer, Jonette Holland, Connie Wendell. SECOND ROW: Mary Brigden, Jan Elliott, Nancy Schmidt, Pam Backhus, Bobbie Davis, Roseann Lorson.

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS:
FRONT ROW: Iwonne Odle, Rosemary Larkin, Melinda Brown. SECOND ROW: Veronica Lorson, Ruth Wuthnow, Valerie Monnich, Pamela Rufner, Kerry Polston, Lori Schlesener.

CHEERLEADERS:
Valerie Monnich, Veronica Lorson, Melinda Brown, and Rosemary Larkin.

Jon Boren
Kathleen Bryant
Tim Cross
Heidi Davis

Travis Doman
Eddie Douthit
Debbie Kickhaefer
Lori Polston

Marci Sandow
Scott Schlesener
Deanna Stegman
Lori Ward

Kindergarten

Michelle Brown
Bruce Fountain
Laura King

Kristie Coup
Kerry Goodman

Randee Davis
Roger Guthals
Rustin Ryff

First Grade

Gayle Brown
Mitchell Bryant
Gary Coup
Jennifer Cross
David King

JoAnn Hostetter
Robin Hummel
Brent Kohman
Thomas Lorson

Robin Pschigoda
Diane Rohrer
Kelly Thornton
Joseph Underwood
Michele Bielefeld

Second Grade

Roberta Linder
Denise Rock
David Wuthnow

James Hoffman
Timothy Still

Brenda Hatterman

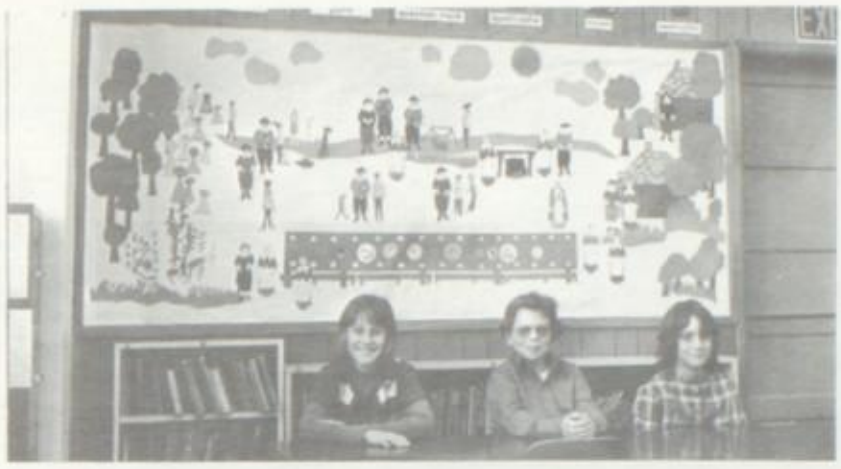
Third Grade

Roger Hummel
John Lorson
Douglas Schlesener
Yvette Lardenois
Robey Lueth
Kelli Schlesener

Christopher Bryant
Jeffrey King
Douglas Polston
Tamela Schlesener
Carl Cole
Thomas Linder
Robbie Riedy
Venora Underwood

Fourth Grade

Several fifth graders present an interpretive poem "The Sky and the Earth" at the elementary Christmas program. Spirit of '76 is alive in the fifth grade classroom. Boys and girls are busy doing research on little known heroes and heroines in the history of America. The class is reading about events in the lives of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.



Tamela Schlesener, Robbie Lueth, Yuette Lardenois pose with the Thanksgiving bulletin board they and their classmates created.

Fifth Grade

Marth Brigden
Shawn Carpentier
Caroline Coup
James Dillon

Darren Fishel
Monte Kohman
Steven Kohman
Mary Lorson

Terrell McCarty
Keith Meyer
Tawen Norman
Kimberley Rediker

Joyce Rufener
Roxann Ryff
Tina Schlesener
Steven Still
Sandra Warns

Seventh Grade

Randy Bryant
Karen Dillon
Stan Downey

Marilyn Guthals
Kris Hanschu
Brad Hatterman

Michelle Hoffman
Terrie Larkin
Mary Jane
Schlesener

Dane Stark
Chris Stroda
Tim Stroda

Trudy Walker
Laurie Wendell
Dale Wuthnow

Sixth Grade

Roseann Lorson
Terry Schlesener

Randy Leutn
Nancy Schmidt

Mike Polston
Daryl Smith

John Reed
Jamie Smith

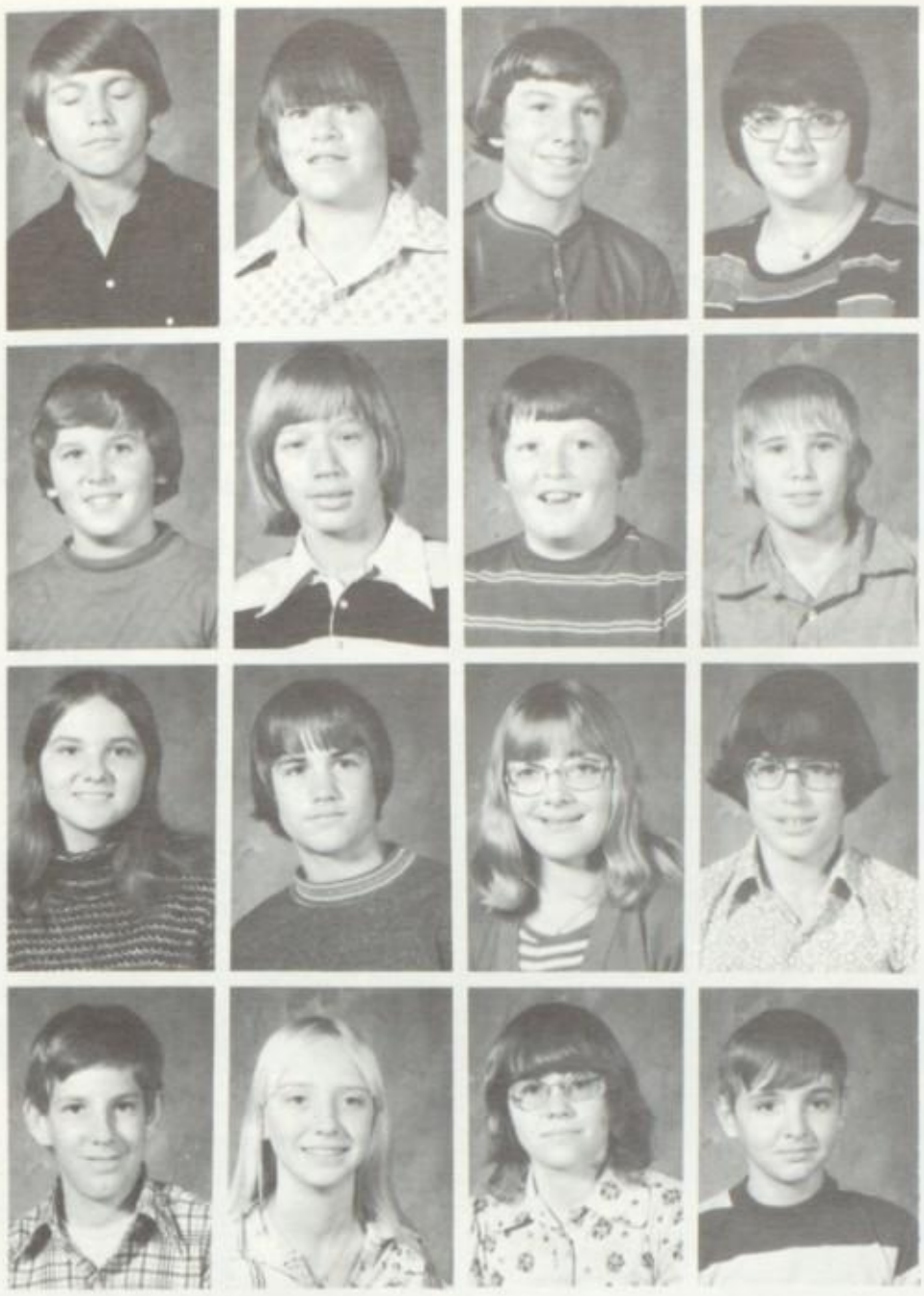
Tim Adam
Danny Cook
Jim Gish
Jayce Krause
Kenny Rock
Connie Wendell

Pam Backhus
Bobbie Davis
Kenny Joe
Hamilton
Barry Lorson
Tammy Rohrer
Ricky Wilson

Mary Brigden
Jan Elliott
Jonette Holland
Joe Lorson
Ken Schlesener
Tammy Wilson

Cary Bryant
Rodney France
Mark Kohman
John Riffel
Rodney Still

Eighth Grade



Terry Adam
Clay Brown
Melinda Brown
Mark Bryant

Rodney Friedli
Kelly Gumm
Jeff Hostetter
Rosemary Larkin

Ricky Leuth
Tim McCarty
Valerie Monnich
Iwonne Odle

Lori Schlesener
Glenn Schuster
Kenneth Stroda
Ronald Walker

William Cole
Ross Coup

Michael Lorson
David Lorson

Kerry Polston
Pamela Rufener

David Wendt
Ruth Wuthnow

Dennis Dillon
Veronica Lorson
Michael Ryff

Grade School Faculty

Sally Holt
Remedial Math

Opal Kuhn
Kindergarten
Vicki Gruber
First Grade
Gay Boren
Second Grade

Geneva Wade
Third Grade
Jean Manz
Fourth Grade
Oscar Albrecht
Fifth Grade

Bill Cole
Sixth Grade
Roberta Heinen
Seventh Grade
Harley Jacobson
Eighth Grade

Dress down Day
SITTING:
Veronica Lorson
Rodney Friedli
Lori Schlesener
Valerie Monnich
STANDING:
Pam Rufner
Dennis Dillon
Rose Larkin

7th Grade Dress-down Day

Primary Bicentennial Program

Grade School Activities

Eighth Grade Graduates.-1976
Grade School Track Meet

Reading Contest Winners

In Memorium

to Irene Albright October 17, 1915

to December 15, 1971

Mrs. Albright taught second grade in Hope for six years. All of us whom she taught, remember her jolly ways. She was an excellant teacher and helped start us on the right road to our education. She seemed to have a philosophy like this:

"I am not a teacher; only a fellow-traveler of whom you asked the way. I pointed ahead-ahead of myself as well as of you."

Shaw

Administration
Faculty And Staff

STANDING: Robert Krause, Dale Gantenbein, Leslie Worrell. Calvin Davis. SEATED: Ellen Cabralas, Boyd Stroda, Charmaine Oesterriech.

Board And Administration

Superintendent
Donald P. Little

Principal
Andrew A. Mikkelsen

The new structure which houses the science and music departments.

Cleta Lemon
Language Arts
Craig Schneider
P.E. Social Science

Larry Gruber
Vo. Ag.
Jim Coen
Social Science

Janie Hardman
Vocal
Joan Jarrett
Art

Dwight Kamm
Science
Jerry McCarty
Industrial Arts
P.E. Dr. Ed.

Denny Wade
Band
Lela Engel
Home Ec.

The Educators

Education is something which makes people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave. Lord Brougham

Dorothy Baldwin
Counselor

Robert Barton
Foreign Language

LeJuan Shrimplin
Commerce

Lawana Kohman
Language Arts

Pauline Fishel
Mathematics

Herb Schimming

Art Tim

Angela Anderson, Naverta Elliott, Marge Brown, Debbie Bielefield

Bus Drivers

Wallace Walker Theresa Lorson Ed Anderson

Ely Wells, Terry O'Flannagan, Bob Morgan, Faye Wells

Bill Backhus Jim Hoffman

Janitors

Hilda Backhus
COOKS

Jule Adam

Leola Neuschafer Lydia Jacobson
Ceola Schimming

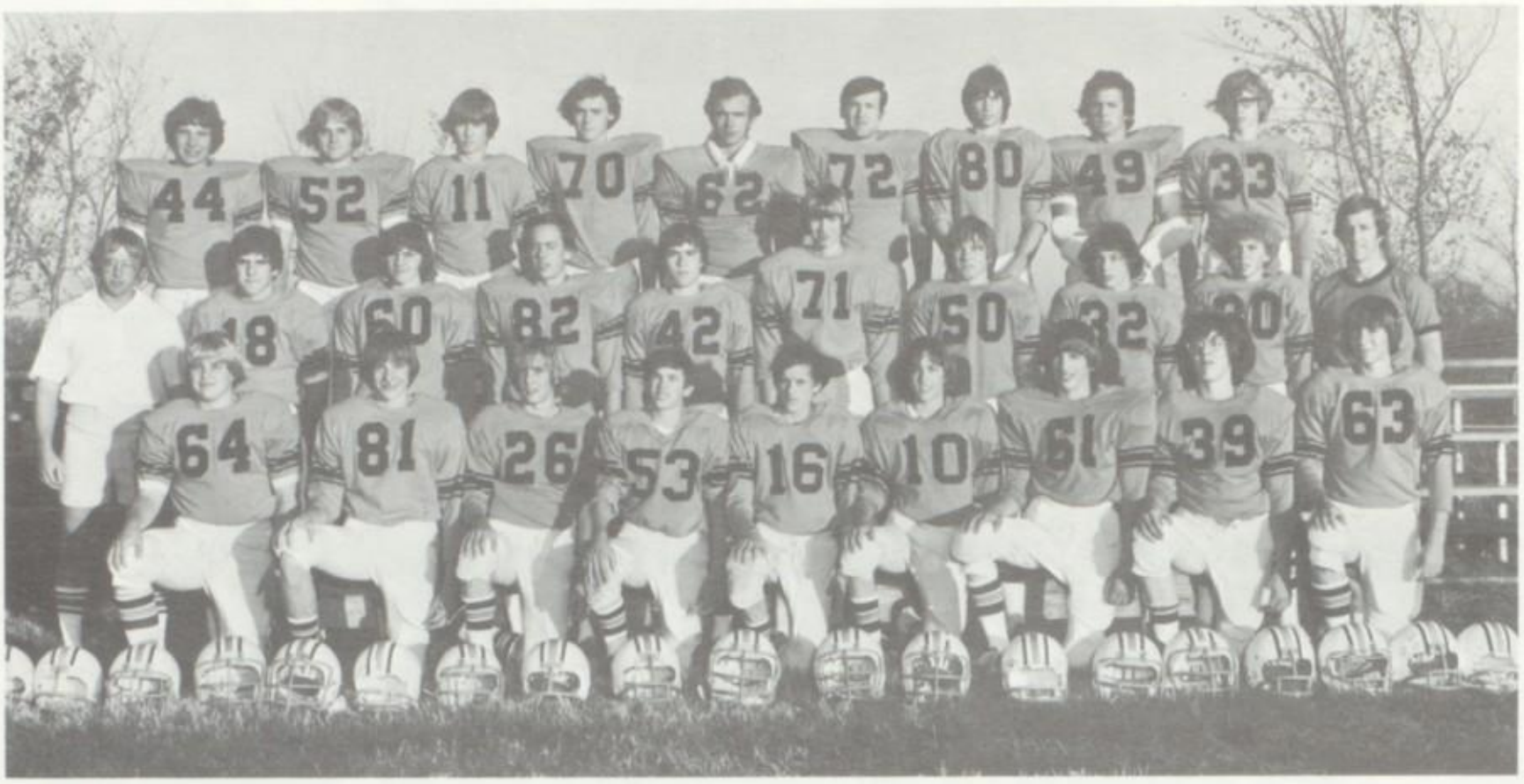
Staff

SECRETARIES

LaVerna Wuthnow Kathleen McCarty Doris Jacobson

Fall

District Champions



FRONT ROW: Fred Rock, Todd Elliott, Kirk Sly, Doug Dillon, Charles Larkin, Kent Sly, Kim Hanschu, Danny Wells, Hugo Schlesener. 2nd ROW: Coach Schneider, Ken Morgan, Robert Smith, Nick Stroda, Tim Hostetter, Bruce Pauley, Marvyn Rock, Lyle Riedy, Tim Brown, Coach Coen. BACK ROW: Bob Lorson, David Rock, Darel Anderson, Dale Davidson, Greg Dillon, Ron Roller, Mike Pauley, Gordon Polston, Joe Schlesener.

The 1975 football season was a rewarding and enjoyable experience. All the people involved worked hard, did what was asked, and many times even more than was asked. They proved consistently that they were a championship caliber team. They can take pride and satisfaction in their many accomplishments. I am proud and extremely fortunate to have worked with such a great group of individuals.

Coach Coen

Coach Coen and Assistant Coach Schneider

Fourth down and the length of my sideburn to the goal!

Ken Morgan

Bob Lorson

Darel Anderson
All league
1-A State Hon. Mention

Gordon Polston
All league
1-A State 1st team

Tim Brown

Nick Stroda
All league
Hon. Mention

Mike Pauley

Ron Roller
All league

Upper Class Letter men

David Rock
All league

Dale Davidson

Greg Dillon
All league Hon. Mention

Hugo Schlesener

FRONT ROW
Robert Smith
Bruce Pauley
Joe Schlesener
SECOND ROW
Marvyn Rock
Tim Hostetter
Lyle Riedy
BACK ROW
Fred Rock
Todd Elliott
Kirk Sly

Underclass Lettermen

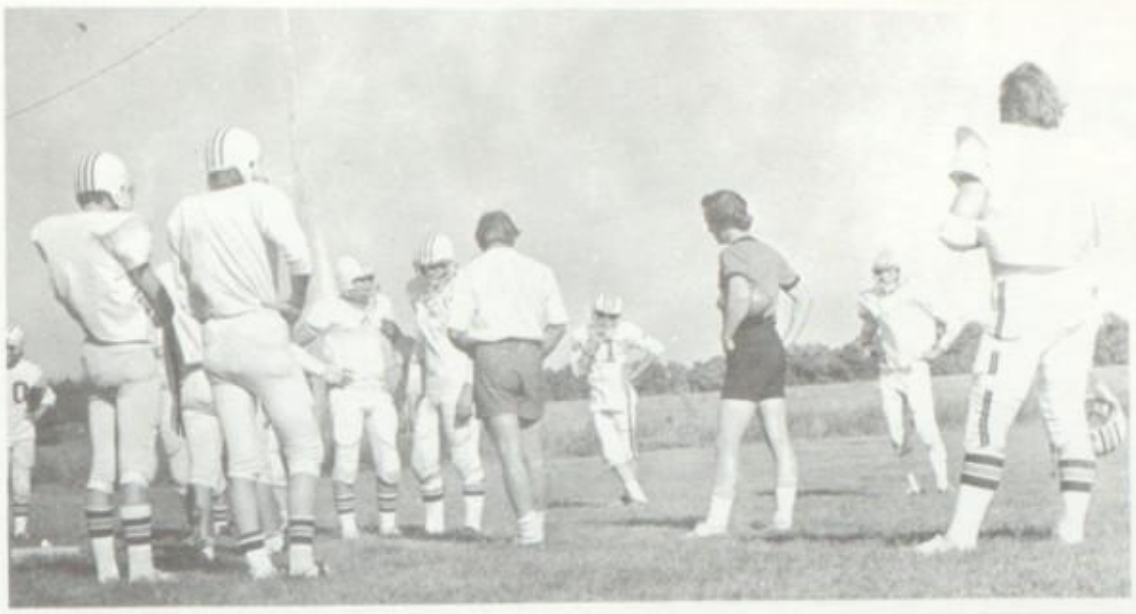
Seniors

David Rock, Darel Anderson, Gordon Polston, Ron Roller, Hugo Schlesener, Ken Morgan.

A Great Season

Hope	Record 9-2	Opp.
12	Ell Saline	0
34	Luckey	8
18	Wakefield	0
33	St. George	0
18	Westmoreland	14
50	White City	0
18	Blue Valley	0
0	St. Xaviers	20
15	Bennington	6
27	Wilson	13
12	Burrton	13

Co-Captains Gordon Polston and Darel Anderson.



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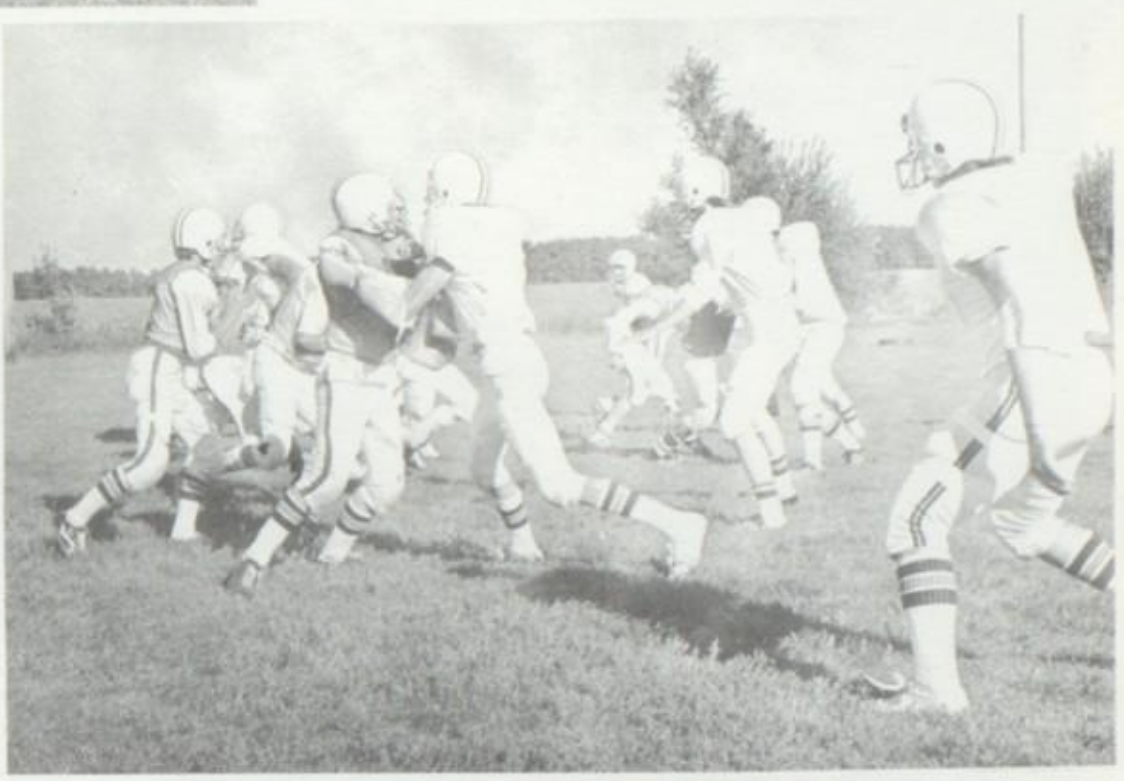
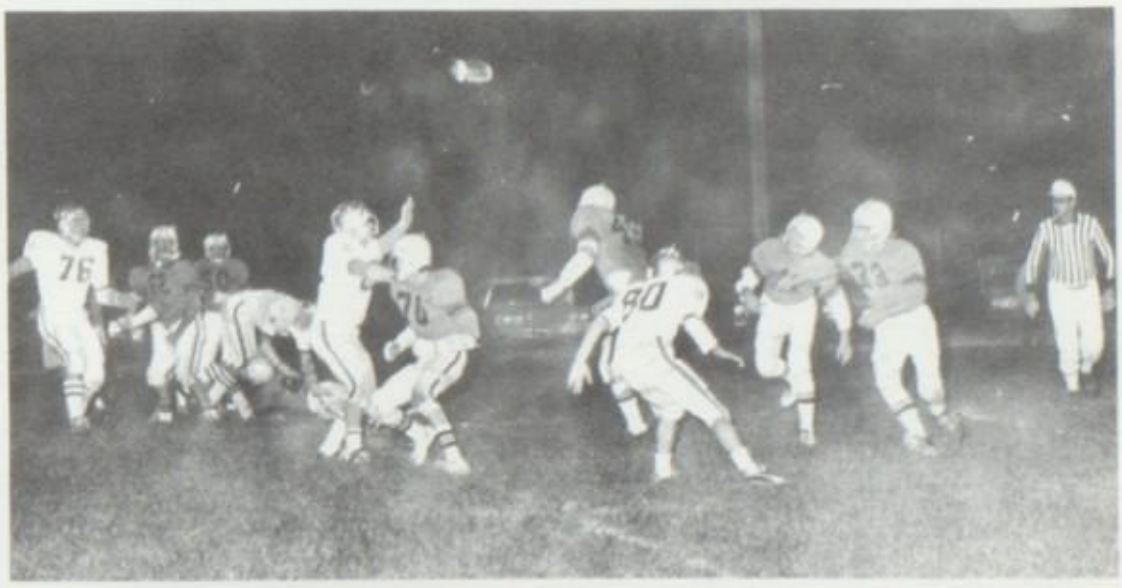




Perfect

Football Homecoming Highlights Fall!

Queen Vicki

Patricia Dillon

Melody Krause

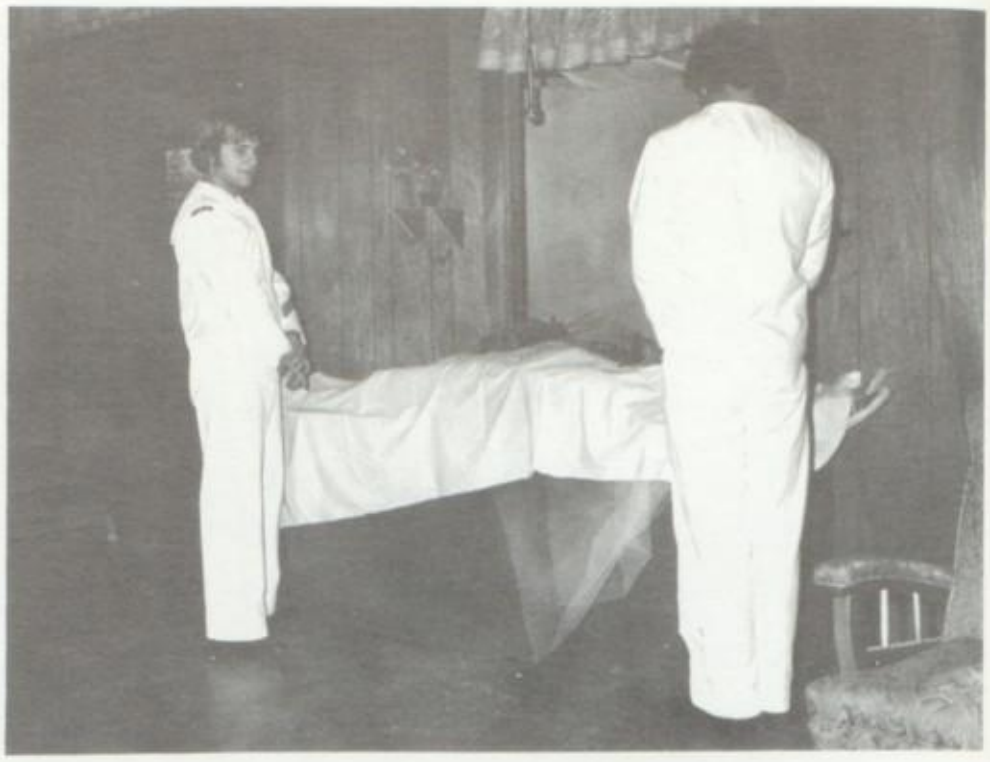
1975 Football players

Homecoming Parade Tops Off Spirit Week

Queen Candidates and
Sophomore Float

Roaring Lions Marching Band
Freshman Float

No one listens to me!!!



THEY didn't listen!

Act Your Age

CAST

Angy . . . . . Melody Krause
Jerry . . . . . .Vicki Cook
Cora . . . . . Susan Donnelly
Gadget . . . . . .Gorden Polston
Jim . . . . . David Rock
Helga . . . . . .Nancy Davidson
Sandra . . . . . Patty Dillon
Stone . . . . . .Ron Roller
Messenger . . . . . .Susan Riffel

LISTEN to me!

Thanks for listening.

I'll listen!

See what happens when you don't listen!

Organizations

FRONT ROW left to right: Bobbi Elliott, Julie Schlesener, Susan Donnelly, Melody Krause, Patricia Dillon, Vicki Cook, and Karen Riedy. SECOND ROW-Kathy Warns, Ramona Ryff, Mrs. Lela Engel, Carol Schlesener, and Becky Davis. THIRD ROW-Nancy Davidson, Julie Schlesener, Kathy Meyer, Janet Boyce, Janice Barnes, Barbara Ryff, and Denise Schlesener. FOURTH ROW-Lisa Morgan, Jenise Garrett, Ann Riedy, Angie Pauley, Linda Riedy, Pam Meyer, Cynthia Still, and Jean Jacobson. TOP ROW- Cheryl Wells, Terri Fishel, Jana Jacobson, Charla Shrimplin, Lorrie Riffel, Brenda Brown, Maria Lorson, and Susan Riffel.

President presiding over last meeting.

Future Homemakers Of America 1975-76

Chapter mothers Mrs. Wayne Cook and Mrs. Marvyn Ryff and president Melody Krause

Junior degree achievers.

Chapter degree achievers.

THREE Clowns?

Isn't Janet lucky!

Get ready for a big SPLASH!

Becky and Julie return to their childhood!?!?

Farewell to the senior girls.

Will the real Betty Crocker please come forward!

1975-76 Officers.

1976-77 Officers.

LEARNING TO DO
DOING TO LEARN
EARNING TO LIVE
LIVING TO SERVE

FRONT ROW: Advisor, Mr. Gruber, David Rock, Darel Anderson, Ramona Ryff, Rex McMahan, Dennis Friedli, Brian Hatterman, Gary Sandow. SECOND ROW: Greg Dillon, Dale Davidson, Blake Elliott, Gordon Polston, Richard Stralow, Terry O'Flannagan, Terry Harrington. THIRD ROW: Jerry Schlesener, Tim Brown, Kim Hanschu, Nick Stroda, Kevin Hanschu, Kelly Hanschu, Kevin Sandow, Lyle Riedy. FOURTH ROW: Bob Morgan, David Lardenois, Kirk Sly, Doug Wendt, Fred Rock, Tim Hostetter, Marty Schmidt. BACK ROW: David Riedy, Cecil Riffel, Marvyn Rock, Doug Dillon, Eric Lorson, Kent Sly.

FFA Activities

CLOCKWISE: Sophomore land judgers, scene from a meeting, FFA Float in Homecoming parade, David and Blake with two wheel trailers, Jerry at FFA concession stand, Dennis, Brian, and Rex counting votes, Rex at Hog Show, The election of new officers, and Junior livestock judgers.

Advisor Mr. Gruber, Treas. Dennis Friedli, Sec. David Rock, Pres. Darel Anderson, V. Pres. Gary Sandow, Rept. Brian Hatterman, Sent. Rex McMahan.

Sweetheart Ramona Ryff

At left FRONT ROW: Kevin Hanschu, Nick Stroda, Tim Brown, BACK ROW: Jerry Schlesener, Greg Dillon, Dale Davidson, Kelly Hanschu, At right FRONT ROW: Lyle Riedy, Tim Hostetter, Terry Harrington, BACK ROW: Marvyn Rock, Eric Lorson, David Riedy, Doug Wendt, Bruce Pauley, Bob Morgan, David Lardenois

It's spelled S,E,X, Darel

Mr. Gruber with BOAC and Safe Chapter awards.

H Club

FIRST ROW: Richard Stralow, Gordon Polston, Nancy Davidson, Vicki Cook, David Rock, Darel Anderson, Brian Hatterman. SECOND ROW: Rex McMahan, Kenny Morgan, Hugo Schlesener, Karen Riedy, Becky Davis, Carol Schlesener, Blake Elliott, Ron Roller. THIRD ROW: Brian Cole, Tim Brown, Nick Stroda, Mike Pauley, Dale Davidson, Greg Dillon, Bob Lorson. FOURTH ROW: Doug Wendt, Terry O'Flannagan, Cecil Riffel, Bruce Paaley, Marvyn Rock, Joe Schlesener, Lyle Riedy, Tim Hostetter, Robert Smith. FIFTH ROW: Linda Riedy, Lisa Morgan, Jean Jacobson, Janice Barnes, Kirk Sly, Todd Elliott, Fred Rock.

Pep Club

FIRST ROW: Patty Dillon, LeJuan Shrimplin, Lorrie Riffel, Janice Barnes, Kathy Meyer, Jean Jacobson, Nancy Davidson, Linda Riedy, Melody Krause. SECOND ROW: Bobbi Elliott, Barbara Ryff, Denise Schlesener, Brenda Barrett, Jana Jacobson, Pam Meyer, Susan Riffel. THIRD ROW: Susan Donnelly, Cindy Still, Janet Boyce, Terri Fishel. Jenise Garrett, Cherryl Wells, Susan Stroda. FOURTH ROW: Vicki Cook, ANgie Pauley, Brenda Brown, Julie Schlesener, Kathy Warns, Lisa Morgan, Ann Riedy, Ramona Ryff. FIFTH ROW: Becky Davis, Renee Anderson, Candy Bethe, Vicki Hamilton, Carol Schlesener, Maria Lorson, Patricia Coup, Karen Riedy, Julie Schlesener.

50's Day

Freshmen singing school song

Pep Club Promotes Spirit

Honorary Cheerleaders David Rock, Tim Brown, Darel Anderson, Tod Elliot, Lyle Riedy

Intent on the game

Pep Club President—Linda Riedy

Dress Down Day

BOY'S VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
BOTTOM: Patty Dillon, Becky Davis, Vicki Cook, Susan Donnelly TOP: Bobbi Elliott

Enthusiasm??

Huh??

Who's Got The Spirit?

Beware!

Hi There!!

Bombs Away!

AT-TEN-TION

A oney and a twoey and a . . . . . .

SOB!!

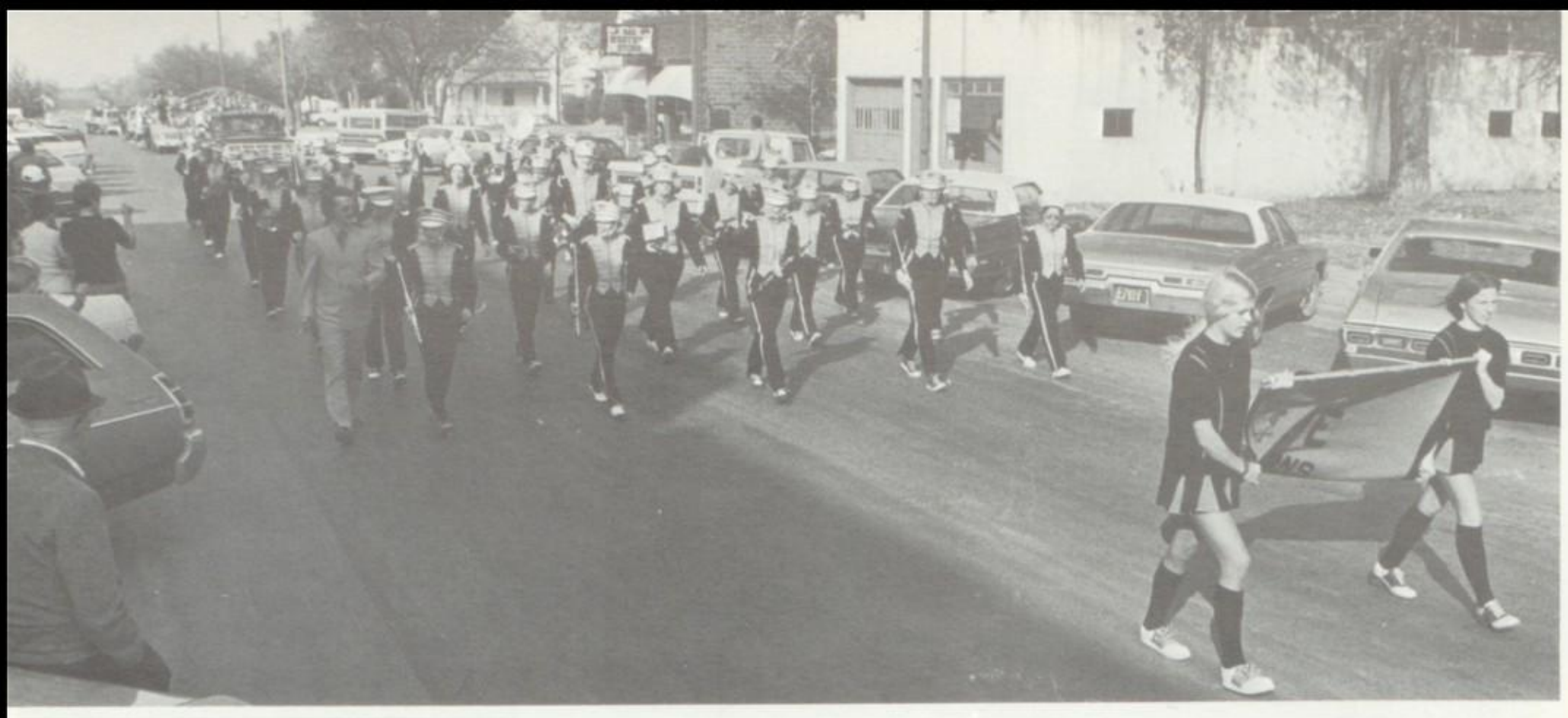
The Winner!

WE DO!

Girls Varsity Cheerleaders: Susan Stroda, Ramona Ryff, Julie Schlesener, KNEELING: Melody Krause, Susan Riffel

HI Fans!

Adorable Marbles and Butterscotch



And The Beat Goes On!

Becky Davis-Drum Majorette

Duh-WADE'S Gang?

Mikey-A one man band

About Face!

Low Winds
David Riffel
Melody Krause
Karen Riedy
Carol Schlesener
Charla Shrimplin

Trombones
Kirk Sly
Fred Rock
Jean Jacobson
Linda Riedy
Hugo Schlesener

Lisa Morgan
Susan Stroda
Renee Anderson
Janet Boyce
Linda Schlesener

Susan Riffel
Carla Fishel
Cindy Still
Jenise Garrett
Candy Bethe

Band

French Horns
and Flutes
Tim Hostetter
Bobbi Elliott
Pam Meyer
Brenda Barrett
Jana Jacobson
Valerie Walker
Vicki Hamilton

Doug Dillon
Todd Elliott

Trumpets
Marvyn Rock
Joe Schlesener
Doug Wendt
Greg Dillon
Becky Davis
Patty Coup
Nancy Davidson
Kenny Morgan

Low Brass
Lyle Riedy
Ely Wells

Kent Sly
Angie Pauley
Julie Schlesener
Marty Schmidt
Cathy Warns
Robert Smith
Bobby Morgan
Cecil Riffel

Kelly Hanschu
Dale Davidson
Tim Brown

Saxaphones
Ann Riedy
Lorrie Riffel
Brenda Brown
Kathy Meyer
Susan Donnelly
Patty Dillon
Vicki Cook

Percussion
Kim Hanschu
Terry Harrington
Mike Pauley
Jeff Schimming

Triple Trio: Pam Meyer, Fay Wells, Kathy Meyer, Jenise Garrett, Jean Jacobson, Jana Jacobson, Cathy Warns, Melody Krause, Janet Boyce.

In Concert

Susan Riffel-Page turner

Melody Krause-Accompanist

Triple Trio Earns First In State Contest

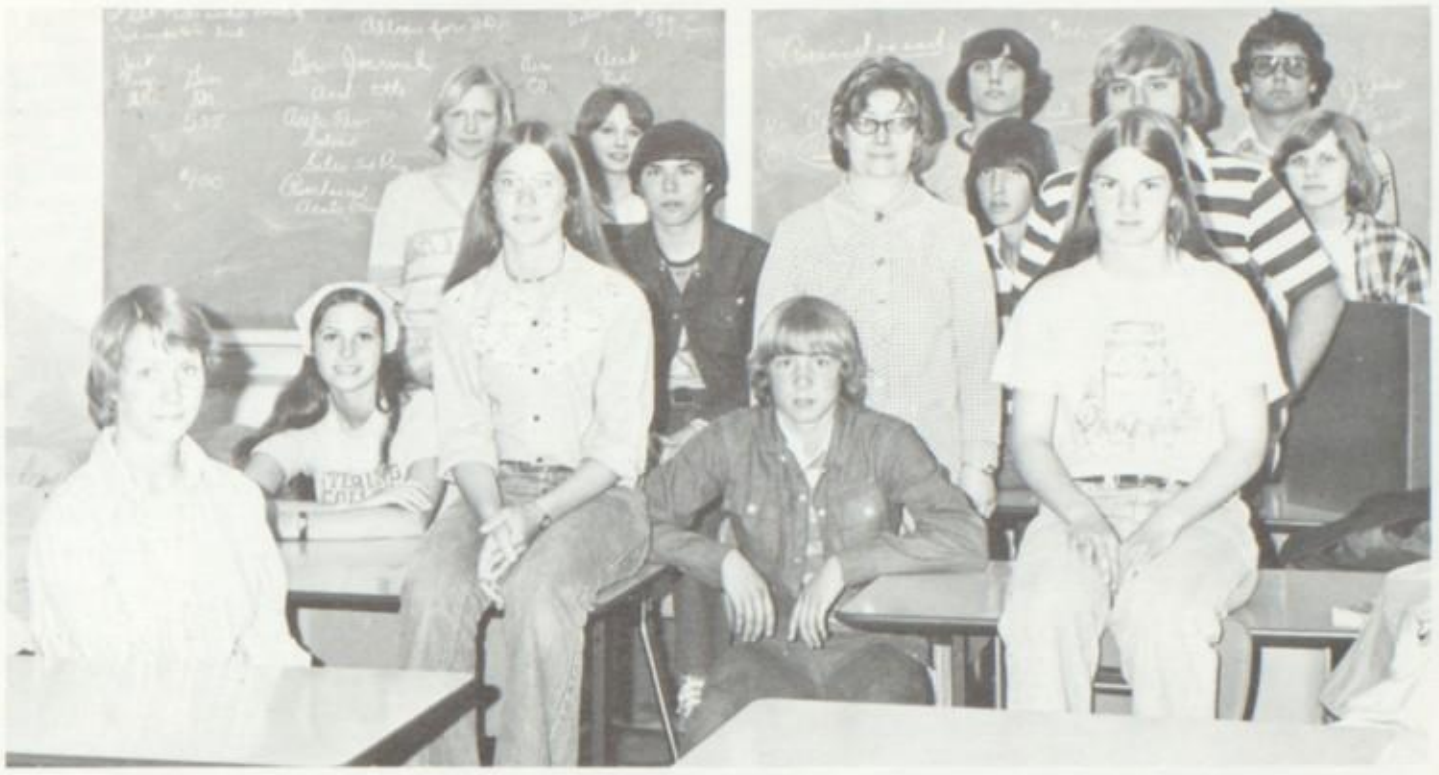
First Hour Vocal
Becky Davis
Bobbi Elliott
Brian Cole
Julie Schlesener
Kenny Morgan
Susan Riffel
Patty Coup
Vicki Hamilton
Renee Lardenois

Seventh Hour Vocal
Brenda Barrett
Charla Shrimplin
Ann Riedy
Carla Fishel
Denise Schlesener
Cathy Warns
Angie Pauley
Pam Meyer
Fay Wells

Jean Jacobson
Lisa Morgan
Jenise Garrett
Jana Jacobson
Duanna Stegman
Janet Boyce
Joe Schlesener
Terry O'Flannagan
Bobby Morgan
Hugo Schlesener

Stuco

Becky Davis-Sec.-Rep.
Bobbi Elliott-Treas.
Vicki Cook
Lorrie Riffel
Susan Riffel
Tim Hostetter
Kirk Sly
Pauline Fishel-Sponsor.
Brain Hatterman
Jerry Schlesener
Karen Riedy-V. Pres.
David Rock-President.
Gorden Polston
Melody Krause



Exchange students from Abilene

Patty-Queen of Courts

Jon Boren & Heidi Davis

Student Council Project-Painting Fire Hydrants.

Student Council uses Noon Meetings to plan Projects.

Homecoming Ceremonies-One of the Student Council's responsibilities.

Homecoming Parade.

New Pay Phone

ANNUAL STAFF

FRONT ROW
Susan Donnelly
Nancy Davidson
Patty Dillon
Melody Krause
Maria Lorson
Carol Schlesener

BACK ROW
Nick Stroda
Linda Riedy
Susan Riffel
Vicki Cook
David Rock
Richard Stralow
Darel Anderson

The big addition to the school, as far as the Annual Staff is concerned, is the new darkroom, which is located in the science building. A new enlarger and other equipment have enabled the staff to develop negatives and print pictures in the size desired. Photographer, Linda Riedy, took and printed all of the group pictures for the annual. Many of the staff printed the pictures for their own pages. With so many people learning to use the equipment, the pictures may not be as good as it is hoped that they will be in the future. Anyone in the school may learn to use the photographic equipment. The staff would like to thank Mr. Kamm for his help.

Bicentennial Yearbook Presents

Hugh Challenge

Editor-Susan Donnelly has the job of checking all pages before mailing.

Busy Annual Staff Meeting? Maria Lorson Prints Pictures.

Photographer-Linda Riedy at darkroom door.

Winter

Patty Dillon
Queen Of Courts

Bobbi Elliott-Junior Attendant

Susan Stroda-Sophomore Attendant

Melody Krause-Senior Attendant

Brenda Brown-Freshman Attendant

FRONT ROW
Brent Kohman
Gail Brown
SECOND ROW
Tim Brown
David Rock
Darel Anderson
Rex McMahan
Marvyn Rock
Todd Elliott
BACK ROW
Linda Riedy
Nancy Davidson
Vicki Cook
Renee Lardenois
Jean Jacobson
Ann Riedy

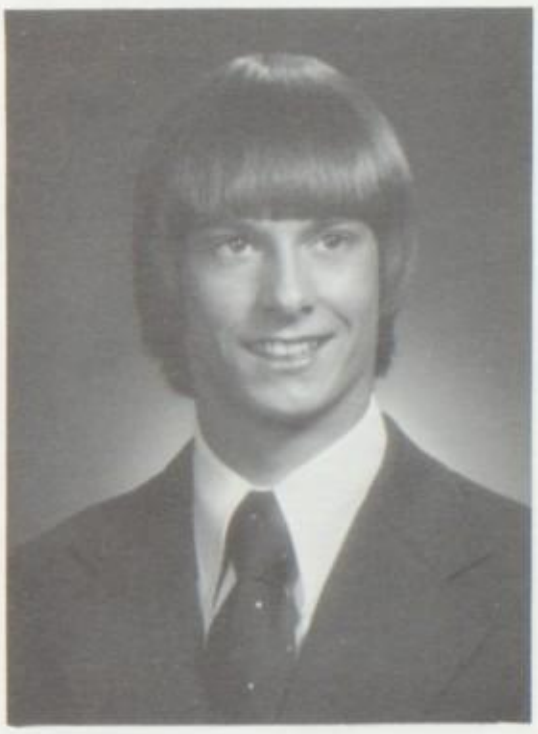
An annual FHA sponsored activity.

King Darel

Darel Anderson

Is King Lion

1976



Darel: How AWFUL to be Kissed!

Vicki: Didn't thrill me all that much either.

FRONT ROW:
Bob Lorson
Nick Stroda
Tim Brown
Kenny Morgan
SECOND ROW:
Coach McCarty
Darel Anderson
Brian Hatterman
Mike Pauley
Rex McMahan
Dale Davidson
Richard Stralow
Gordon Polston
Joe Schlesener
Coach Coen

Rex McMahan
Senior Co-captain

Darel Anderson
Senior Co-captain

Lions Roar Through A Successful Season

SENIOR LETTERMEN

Brian Hatterman

Gordon Polston

Richard Stralow

Kenny Morgan

Statisticians: David Rock and Dennis Friedli

Manager: Terry O'Flannagan

JUNIOR LETTERMEN
Mike Pauley, Tim Brown, Bob Lorson

B Team Action

COACHES: Head Coach; Jerry McCarty. Assistant Coach; Jim Coen.

FRONT ROW
Jean Jacobson
Brenda Brown
Nancy Davidson
Karen Riedy
Linda Riedy
Lorrie Riffel
Lisa Morgan, Mgr.
BACK ROW:
Coach Schneider
Vicki Cook
Becky Davis
Valerie Walker
Carol Schlesener
Julie Schlesener
Angela Pauley
Cathy Warns

Girl Cagers: First In Regional

Sharing

Victory Celebration

Strategy

Defense

Vicki Cook
Co-captain

Nancy Davidson
Co-captain

Winning Trophy

Tops Year

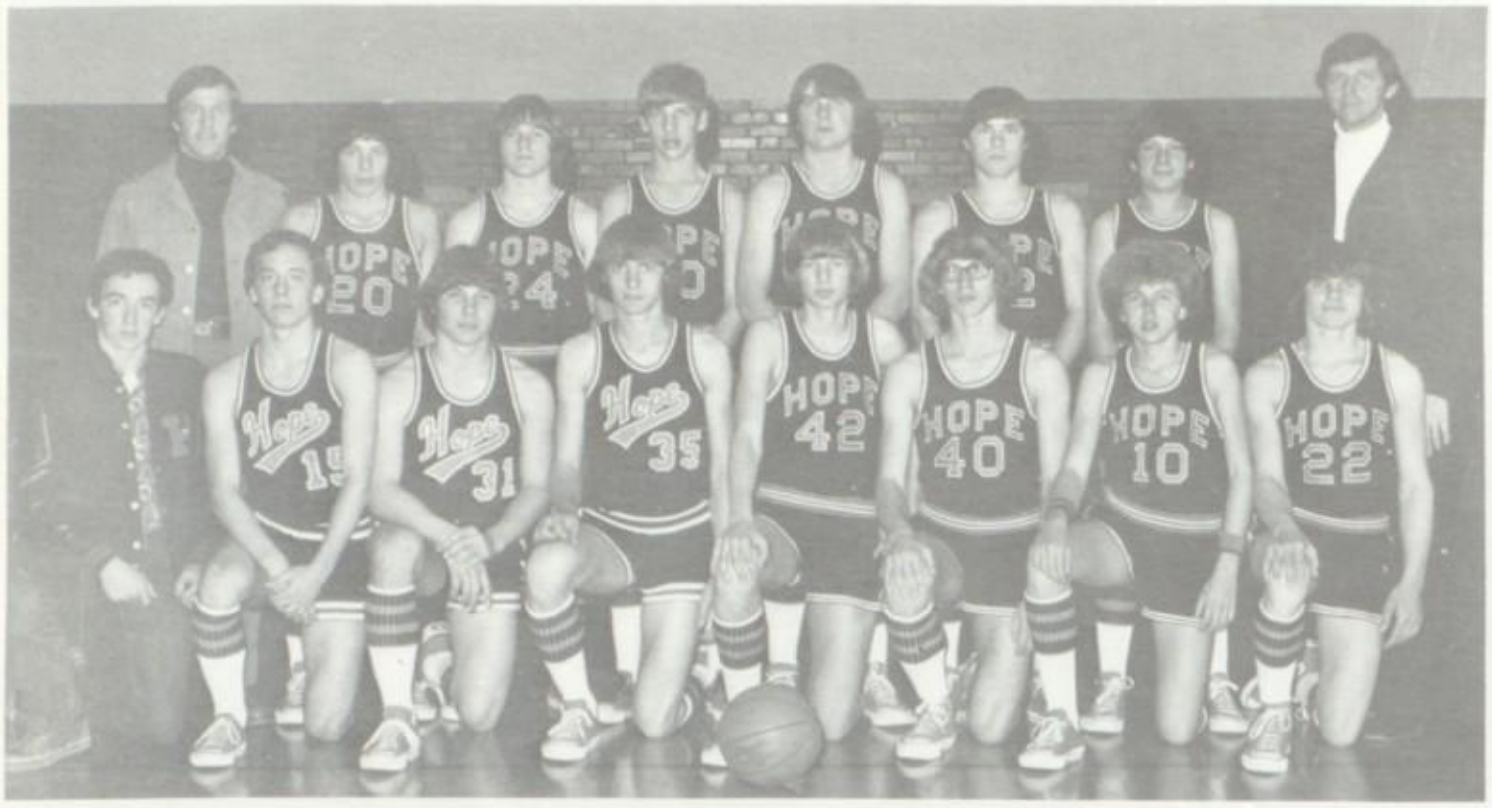
Valerie Walker

Becky Davis

Linda Riedy

Karen Riedy

Carol Schlesener



Boys B-Team

FRONT ROW: Terry O'Flannagan, mgr., Nick Stroda, Bob Lorson, Dale Davidson, Bruce Pauley, Joe Schlesener, Tim Brown, Robert Smith. BACK ROW: Coach Coen, Lyle Riedy, Marvyn Rock, Kelly Hanschu, Mike Engle, Tim Hostetter, Doug Wendt, Coach McCarty.

Girls B-Team

FRONT ROW: Candy Bethe, Jean Jacobson, mgr., Jana Jacobson, Lisa Morgan, mgr., Brenda Brown, Lorrie Riffel, BACK ROW: Janice Barnes, Pam Meyer, Angie Pauley, Ann Riedy, Cathy Warns, Jenise Garrett, Barbara Ryff, Coach Schneider.

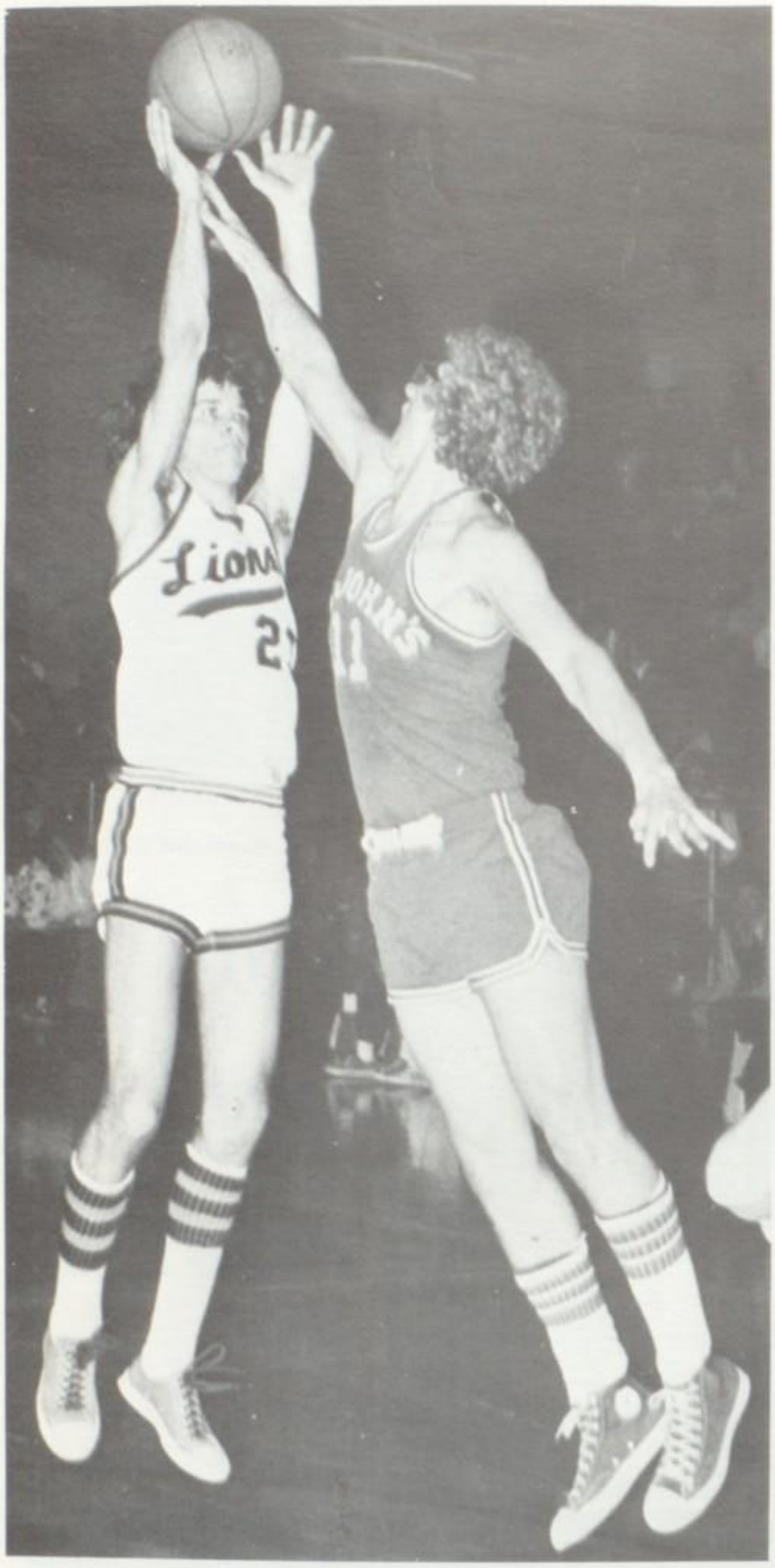
Freshman Win Bennington Invitational Tournament Season Record 6-4

Kent Sly, Kirk Sly, Fred Rock, Todd Elliott, Marty Schmidt, Kim Hanschu, Doug Dillon, Coach Jim Coen.

Hope		Opp.
51	Luckey	24
32	St. X	47
25	Luckey	26
45	Wakefield	49
34	St. X	15
27	White City	28
27	Wakefield	25
37	White City	15
68	Glasco	41
65	Bennington	38

Freshman Basketball

Action



Hard Work = Success

Lions are sub-state runners up.

Spring

One Act Play Cast: Dale Davidson, Patty Dillon, Ramona Ryff, David Rock, Hugo Schlesener, and Jean Jacobson.

Vicki Cook and Patty Dillon: Impromptu Duet Act—I at State

FRONT ROW: Maria Lorson, Bobbi Elliott, Nancy Davidson, Jana Jacobson, Patty Dillon, Karen Riedy, Vicki Hamilton. BACK ROW: Julie Schlesener, David Rock, Hugo Schlesener, Dale Davidson, Becky Davis, Vicki Cook, Ramona Ryff, Susan Donnelly, Jean Jacobson.

Forensics Takes Six To State

Maria Lorson
Poetry Reading
I at State

Becky Davis
Informative Speech
II at State

Susan Donnelly
Oration and
Dramatic Interpretation
2-II's at State

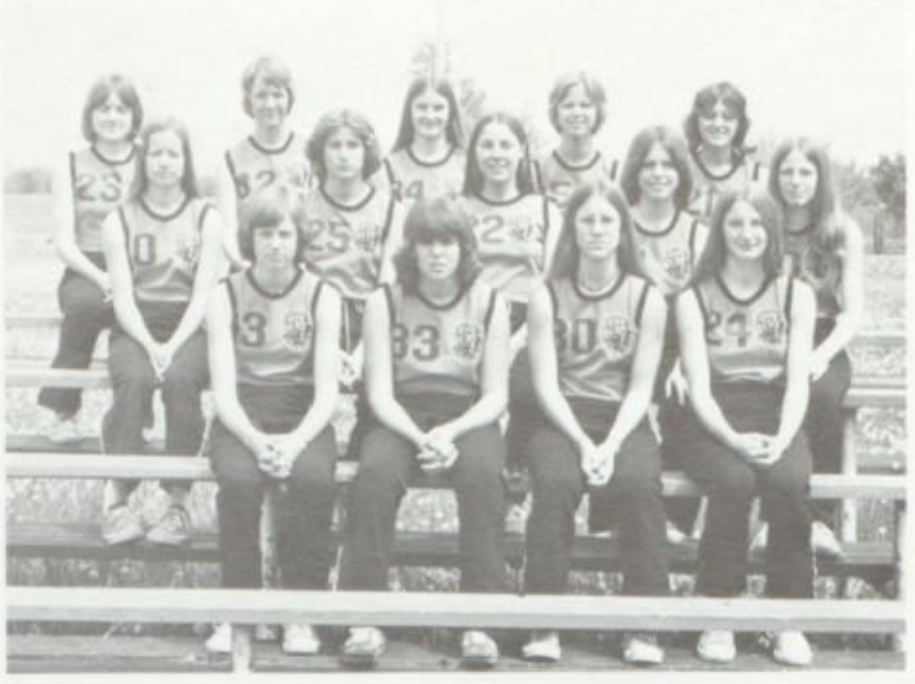
Ramona Ryff
Prose Reading
III at State

Father Knows Best

Cast

Jim Anderson . . . . . Jeff Schimming
Margaret Anderson . . . . . Karen Riedy
Betty . . . . . Becky Davis
Kathy . . . . . Linda Riedy
Bud . . . . . Tim Brown
Janie . . . . . Maria Lorson
Ramona . . . . . Julie Schlesener
Patty . . . . . Bobbi Elliott
Repair Man . . . . . Nick Stroda
Ralph . . . . . Mike Pauley
Mr. Brinkworth . . . . . Bob Lorson
Officer Johnson . . . . . Dale Davidson
Bud's friend . . . . . David Riffel
Mrs. Wembley . . . . . Fay Wells
Mrs. Jones . . . . . Kathy Meyer
Mrs. Woolsey . . . . . Cherryl Wells
Perkins . . . . . Carol Schlesener

FRONT ROW: Kim Hanschu, Fred Rock, Kirk Sly, Marty Schimdt. SECOND ROW: Bob Lorson, Tim Brown, Greg Dillon, Tim Hostetter. THIRD ROW: Gordon Polston, Darel Anderson, Dale Davidson, Hugo Schlesener, Nick Stroda.



FRONT ROW: Angie Pauley, Brenda Brown, Lorrie Riffel, Ann Riedy. SECOND ROW: Jenise Garrett, Julie Schlesener, Linda Riedy, Cathy Warns, Janice Barnes. THIRD ROW: Nancy Davidson, Becky Davis, Karen Riedy, Maria Lorson, Carol Schlesener.

Track Season Is A Success

Jenise Garrett, 100 yd. dash.

Get to work, girls!

D. Anderson, school record in long jump, 20'4".

C. Schlesener, K. Riedy, 220 yd. dash school record, 26.7.

Kirk Sly, 100 yd. dash.

High School tracksters help out at the Bronco Invitational.

K. Riedy, J. Garrett, C. Schlesener, A. Riedy, 440 yd. relay, 3rd in State, 51.4.

B. Brown, softball throw, 226'11". N. Davidson, Mile run, 5:46.3.

N. Stroda, G. Polston, H. Schlesener, K. Sly, 880 yd. relay, 1:36.8.

15 Qualify For State

A. Riedy, C. Schlesener, J. Schlesener, L. Riffel, Mile relay, 6th in State, 4:12.1.

G. Polston, 4th in State, Shot Put, 51'11".

L. Riedy, J. Barnes, B. Davis, K. Riedy, 880 yd. relay, 1:51.1.

WORK-Students and Sponsor alike!

What do I do with this?

C'mon you guys, quit goofing off or we'll never get done.

Jr.-Sr. Prom:

A Time

To Remember

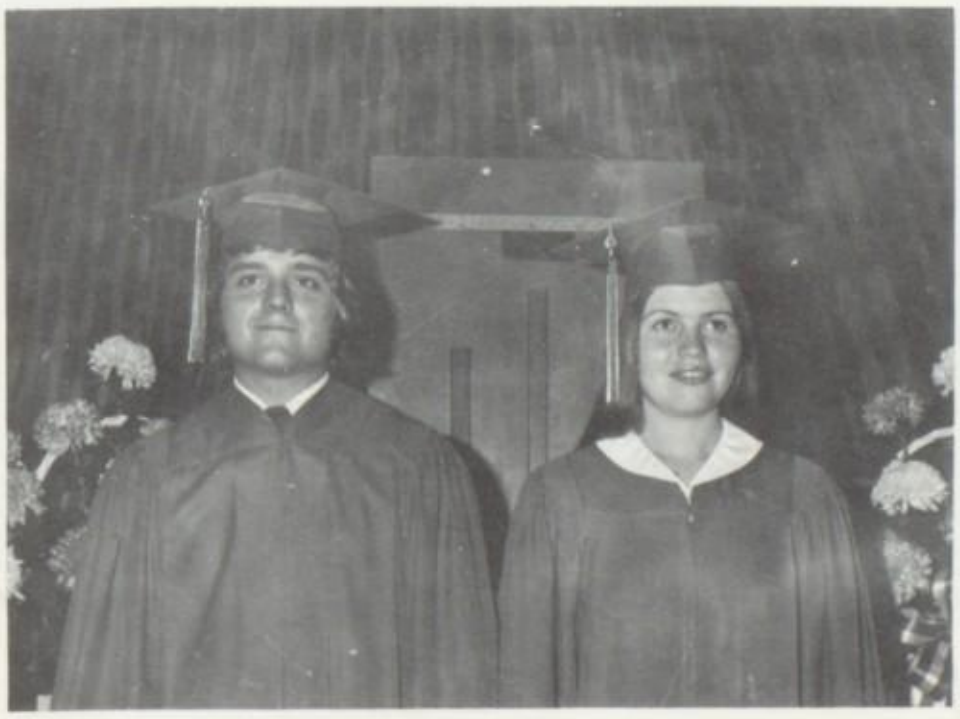
Sophomore servers

Worth all the time and effort.

Class of '76 FRONT ROW: Carl Wells, Hugo Schlesener, Nancy Davidson, Kenny Morgan, Dennis Friedli, Brian Hatterman, Gary Sandow, SECOND ROW: Richard Stralow, Melody Krause, Renee Lardenois, Rex McMahn, Ronnie Roller, David Rock, Susan Riffel, TOP ROW: Darel Anderson, Brian Cole, Vicki Cook, Gordon Polston, Patty Dillon, Susan Donnelly, Blake Elliott.

Life Lies Before Us

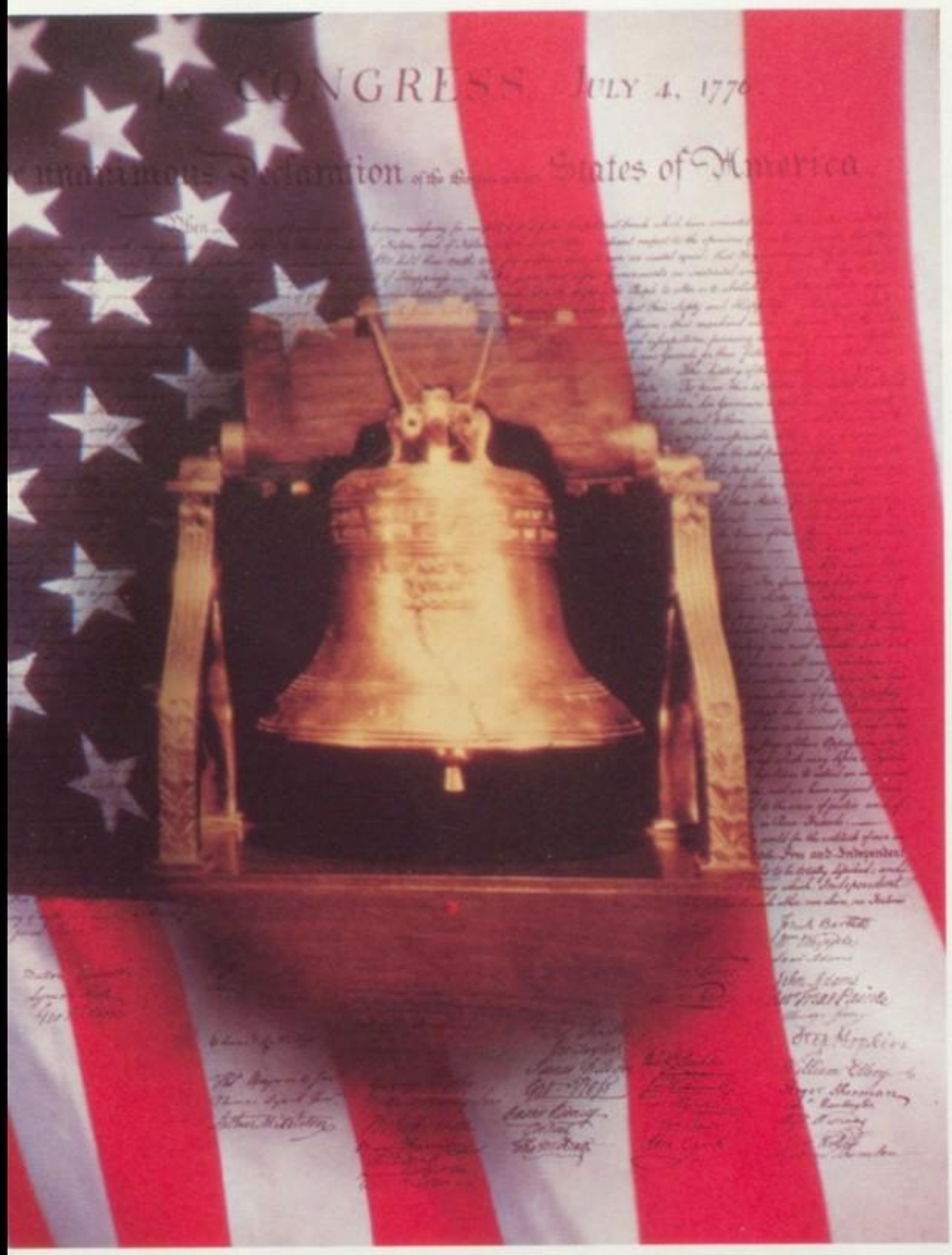
Valedictorian-David Rock, Salutatorian-Susan Donnelly



SPIRIT OF '76!!!

WALSWORTH
Marceline, Mo., U.S.A.

"I Am the Nation . . ."



I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodline of the world runs in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I am the Nation.

I am 200 million people, living souls and the ghosts of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant, and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When Freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the Rock of Corregidor, and the Black steppes of Korea.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas, the granite hills of Vermont, the potato fields of Wisconsin. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the Mid-west, The Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big! I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, three million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than five million farms. I am forest, field, mountain, desert. I am quiet villages and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of Auld Lang Syne as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 169,000 schools and colleges, and 250,000 churches where my people worship God as they like best. I am a ballot dropping in a box, the roar of a crowd at the stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright Brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Tom Paine. I am Phillip Brooks, Billy Sunday and Bishop Quayle.

Yes, I am the Nation, and these are the things I am. I was conceived in Freedom and, God willing, in Freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage, and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world. This is my wish, my goal, and my prayer on this my birthday, two-hundred years after I was born.

Author Unknown

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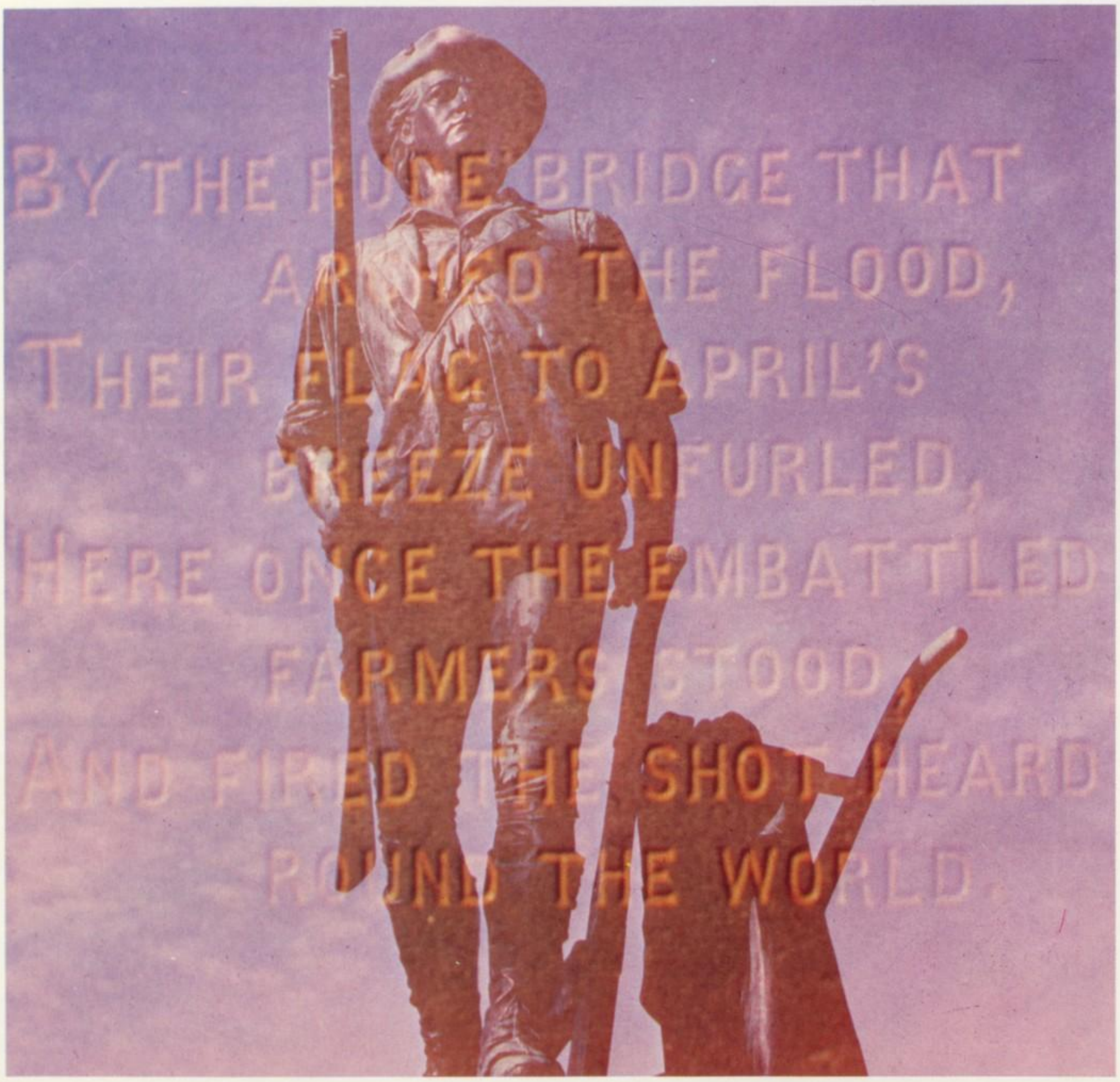

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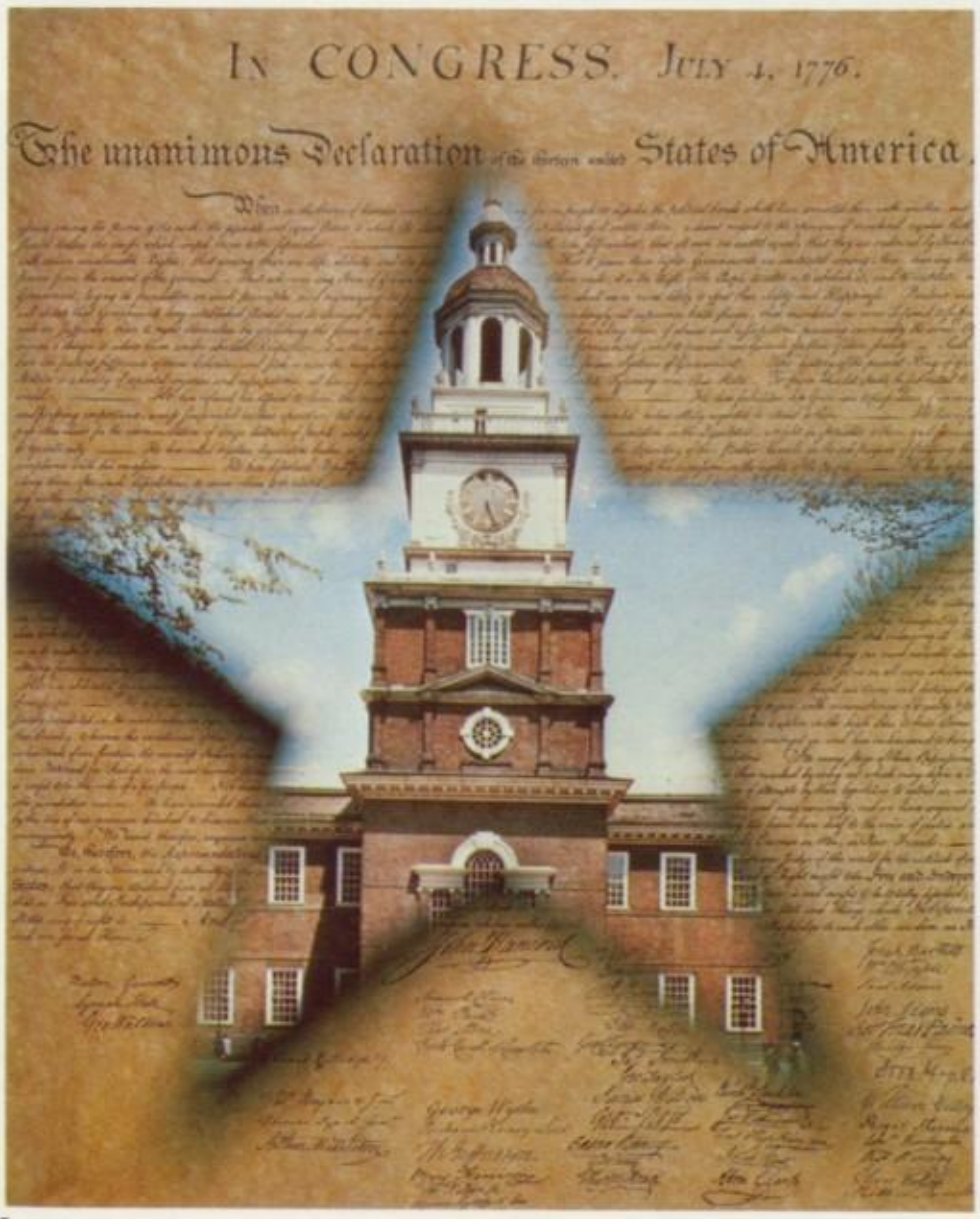

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1/ Call of the Minutemen prior to the historic Battle of Lexington.
2/ The Battle of Concord Bridge was the first battle of the war.
3/ Monument to the Minutemen which stands on the site of the Battle of Lexington, where "the shot heard round the world" was fired April 19, 1775.
4/ The signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.
5/ Independence Hall, Philadelphia, where the Continental Congress convened to decide a course of action.
6/ Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson working to revise Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence.

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"Don't Strike the Colors. . . . We Have Just Begun to Fight."

Capt. John Paul Jones

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"These Are the Times That Try Men's Souls . . ."

Thomas Paine

1/ Captain John Paul Jones unfurled the first *Stars and Stripes* over the ocean when the young nation's banner, containing thirteen stars and thirteen stripes, was hoisted aboard the *Ranger.*
2/ From the deck of the captured British vessel *Serapis,* Capt. Jones and his crew watched as the American man-of-war, *Bonhomme Richard,* sank in victory, September 23, 1779. With the aid of friendly powers—namely France and Holland—and the leadership of commanders like Jones, the American fleet was able to effectively combat Britain's naval supremacy in the colonies.
3/ General John Stark led the colonial forces to victory at Bennington on August 11, 1777. The victory, along with an American triumph at Saratoga on October 12 of that year brought France to the colonies' aid as an ally and was the turning point of the war.
4/ Outside of occupied Boston, colonial patriots organized themselves into a volunteer militia known as the *Minutemen.* On the eve of April 18, 1775, British troops numbering more than 800 were dispatched from Boston to seize colonial munitions stored at Concord. Forewarned, Paul Revere and others spread the alarm and the Redcoats were met by a determined band of Minutemen at Lexington. It was here that the famous "shot heard round the world" was fired. It is not known which side fired the first shot of that battle which marked the opening of outright hostilities and led to open war.
5/ The surrender of British troops under the command of General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, brought an end to all-out fighting. A few scattered skirmishes continued for over a year. However, complications of negotiation with England delayed the signing of a peace treaty for nearly two years. General George Washington, commander of colonial forces, accepted the British surrender at Yorktown and later presented the captured British flags to the Congress.

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"Stand Your Ground . . . If They Mean to Have a War, Let It Begin Here."

Capt. John Parker

1/ Capt. John Parker uttered those words as the colonial militia under his command prepared to meet the British troops at Lexington. Those words and the painting—*Spirit of '76*—exemplify the dedication and determination of the American patriots in their fight for independence. The colonies had organized to express their grievances in an effort to resolve the differences within the framework of the Empire. Several of the colonial legislatures had instructed their delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to oppose any move toward independence. The movement for independence was gaining strength and following the publication of Thomas Paine's *Common Sense,* which argued for colonial sovereignty, a resolution was adopted and a committee of five appointed to draft a declaration of independence. 2/ General Washington, who had been appointed commander-in-chief of American forces by the Second Continental Congress, was a brilliant military strategist. It was his decision to take his Continentals across the Delaware River on Christmas night which resulted in the first major colonial victory. That victory at Trenton over Hessian mercenaries gave the ragged army renewed vigor. Supported chiefly through the printing of Continental currency, the colonial army also went through the personal fortunes of many American patriots—among them Washington, Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee and John Adams. These fortunes were donated to the cause of liberty—a cause supported by about one-third of the American population which was near 2,000,000. Another one-third remained loyal to the English crown and the remainder were apathetic. Despite many defeats, the colonies managed to keep an army in the field as a symbol of American resistance, to guarantee a negotiated rather than dictated peace.

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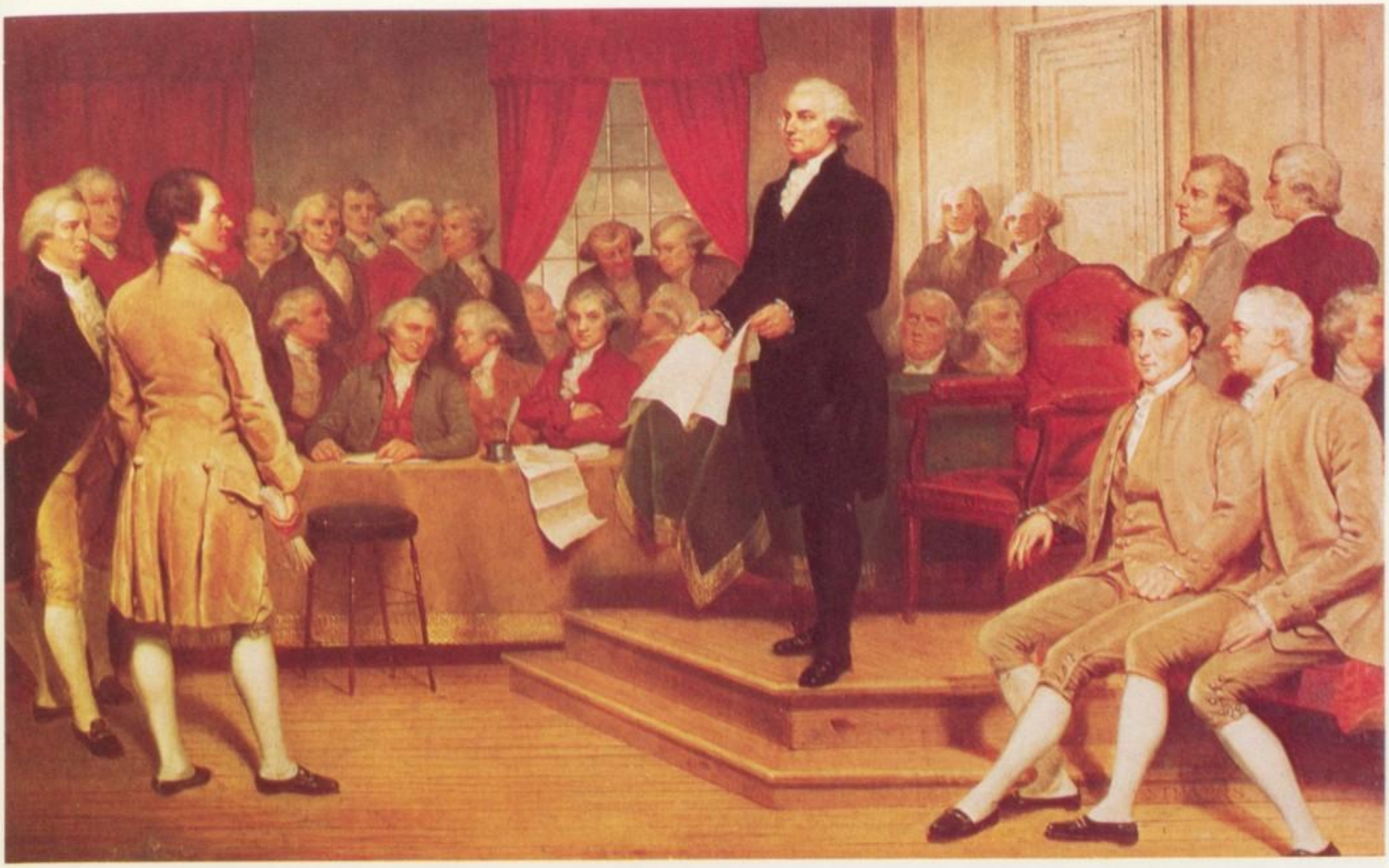

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". . . Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!"

Patrick Henry

3/ Following the victory at Yorktown, Washington refused the offer of his troops to become king and returned to Philadelphia to aid with the establishment of a permanent government for the new republic—a loose alliance of sovereign states held together by the Articles of Confederation. An envoy composed of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Jay was sent to negotiate with the British. It was not until 1783 that the peace agreement, known as the Treaty of Paris, was signed, guaranteeing the sovereignty of the United States of America. The Articles of Confederation, despite many weaknesses, served to unify the states until 1787 when a special convention was held at Independence Hall in Philadelphia to revise them. The meeting was attended by fifty-five of the most-prominent men of the day. Twenty-nine of the delegates representing a majority of the states met on May 25 and decided to draft an entirely new constitution rather than ammend the Articles of Confederation. The meeting then became known as the Constitutional Convention.

4/ The men who assembled for the Constitutional Convention were an illustrious group with nearly every delegate a person of prominence in his home state. A large majority favored a strong central government. After four months of debate, on September 17, 1787, the new constitution was completed. In a little more than four months, six states had ratified the new constitution. Despite the good beginning, the fight for ratification was bitter and it was not until September 13, 1788, that the necessary two-thirds majority of the states had approved the document and Congress could call for states to choose their electors and congressmen. Several of the states had ratified the constitution with the provision that it would be amended. Thus, as one of its first official acts under the new constitution, the Congress added the first ten amendments known as the Bill of Rights. Washington was unanimously elected President and a new nation was launched on a course of democracy.

"Give me your tired,
your poor,

Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free,

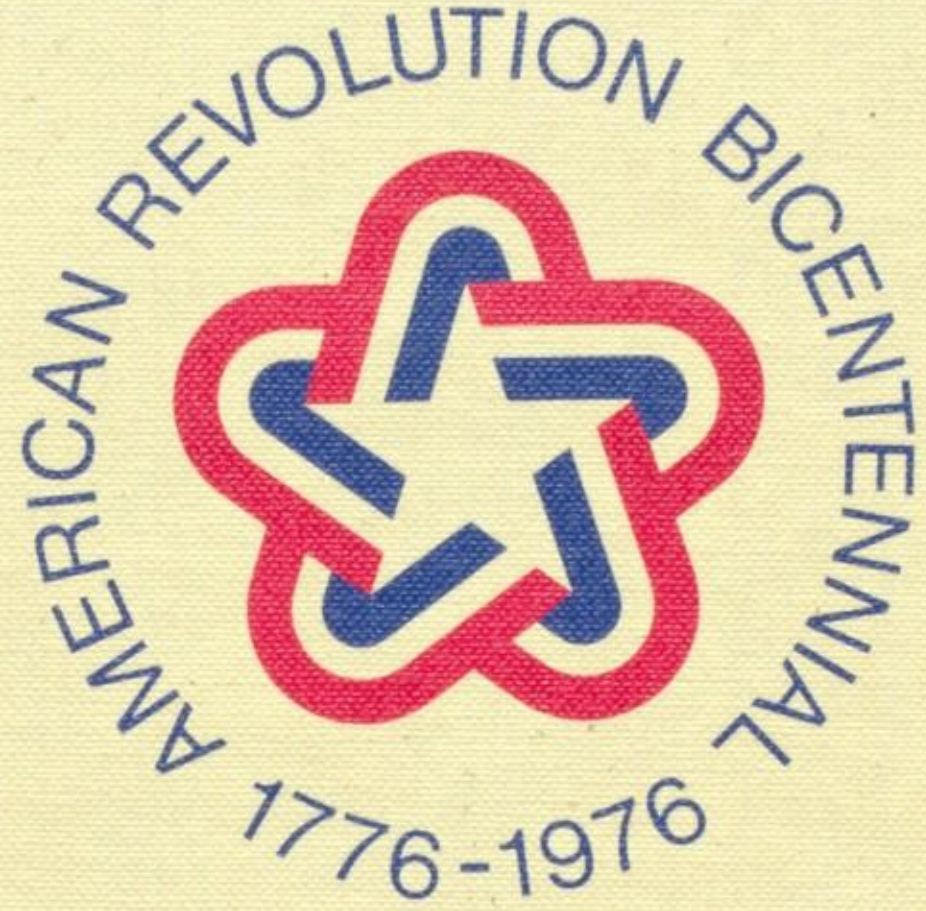
The wretched refuse
of your teeming shore,

Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tossed to me,

I lift my lamp
beside the golden door."

Emma Lazarus

(From "The New Colossus")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